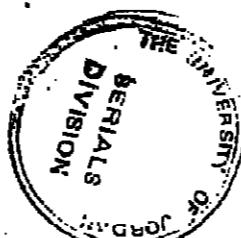




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## Kuwait sets mega-plan

Massive pet/chem project drafted

KUWAIT, Oct 8, (Reuters): Gulf oil producer Kuwait is drawing up plans for a multi-billion-dollar downstream petrochemical industry, 10 years after Saudi Arabia launched a similar project that made it a major world supplier.

Petroleum industry sources say eight separate plants with a combined cost easily exceeding \$2 billion have now come off Kuwaiti government drawing boards.

When the plants come onstream — projected in 1994 and 1995 — the private sector will to build a second generation of chemical plants use their feedstocks, they added.

Kuwaiti sources working on the plan said Kuwait has already approached several international companies to prepare preliminary feasibility studies for potential licensing agreements.

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Arab Times profiles Dawlat Shawqi



A rare look at acting legend Brando

Filipino offer

## No to autonomy

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines, Oct 8, (Reuters): Muslim religious leaders ended a two-day convention in Zamboanga today with a call to reject the government's offer of autonomy for 13 southern Philippines provinces.

The 200 leaders passed a resolution denouncing the offer a day after the army published a list of 12 towns and five cities as "hot spots" for the November 19 autonomy plebiscite.

President Corazon Aquino offered the autonomy plan for 13 provinces with mixed Christian and Muslim populations in hopes of ending Muslim unrest on Mindanao island, where a separatist war in the 1970s killed more than 50,000 people.

Nur Misam, Middle East-based chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front which led the rebellion, warned last week of possible retribution if the government pushed its autonomy plan through.

The MNLF says Aquino's plan for regional administrative government and legislature, with power to collect taxes, did not go far enough.

(See Page 5)

## Fire and death in Karabakh

MOSCOW, Oct 8, (Reuters): Armenian and Azerbaijani gunmen attacked each other's villages in and around the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh at the weekend and Soviet troops had to intervene, TASS said today.

The official news agency said people were being killed every day, houses burned down and cars destroyed in the enclave where troops were sent more than a year ago to restore order.

It said the troops opened fire to stop an armed attack on the Azerbaijani village of Lachin, near the

Armenian border.

"A large group of gunmen attempted an armed attack on Lachin from Armenia. The special district garrison of interior troops was forced to use firearms," the agency said.

It also reported that a military patrol in the town of Shusha had seized a number of Azeris who were firing at an Armenian village, Baku, who were there "to boost combat morale."

"People are being killed daily. Houses burned down and cars destroyed," TASS said. It gave no exact casualty toll. (See Page 6)

## IRA bomb kills Northern Ireland policeman, 28 held in security files leak case

BELFAST, Oct 8, (Reuters): A car-bomb planted by Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas exploded and killed a senior Northern Ireland policeman today as he and his wife set off for church.

Superintendent Alwyn Harris, 51, died instantly when a booby-trap bomb exploded under his car. His wife was in shock but unharmed after the incident in Lisburn, headquarters of the British army in Northern Ireland.

But police foiled an attempted mass breakout by IRA prisoners from Belfast's top-security Crumlin Road jail.

In a separate operation, police also arrested 28 members of the locally recruited and mainly Protestant Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) in a crack-down on security leaks.

Harris, whose wife was treated for shock in hospital after the blast, was the third senior policeman killed this year by the IRA in its fight to end British rule in the province.

The IRA claimed responsibility for killing Harris in a statement to Belfast media.

On Saturday, IRA guerrillas launched a string of bomb and gun attacks across Northern Ireland to



Spectators flee in panic from a huge fireball after the Indian Air Force jetfighter plunged into the ground at New Delhi military airport. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Mirage up in flames

### Indian jet nosedives

NEW DELHI, Oct 8, (Agencies): A French-built fighter plane crashed and exploded today during aerobatic manoeuvres on Indian Air Force Day, killing the pilot, officials said.

No one on the ground was killed, but at least seven spectators suffered sprained ankles or bruises while running to the site.

The Delta-winged Mirage 2000 was completing a climb known as a "Verticle Charlie" when it plunged to the ground before about 2,000 spectators watched at Palam airfield in west New Delhi.

The pilot, identified as Wing Commander Joe Bakshi, 29, of Gwalior, was killed instantly, said officer N. C. Suri.

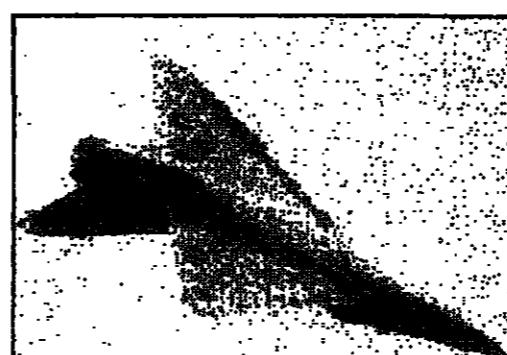
The Mirage was completing the final flyby during the parade marking the 57th anniversary of the Air Force and honouring its 115,000 officers.

Air Chief Marshal S. K. Mehra later told reporters the mishap was due to an error in judgement on the part of the pilot.

Bakshi was a commander of a squadron of Mirage 2000 jetfighters based in the north central city of Gwalior and was described as being among the most experienced pilots in the Indian Air Force.

The celebration was attended by India's military chiefs, Defence Minister K. C. Pant, members of Parliament and diplomats.

A witness, who asked not to be named, said Bakshi was trying to pull his aircraft out of steep descent at the end of the aerobatic manoeuvre, but it hurtled into the ground and exploded, throwing flaming pieces of wreckage into the air.



An Indian Air Force jetfighter performing aerobatics shortly before it plunged into the ground and exploded in a ball of fire during an air show. (Reuter wirephoto)

He said Bakshi's body was completely incinerated.

The jet impacted barely 300 feet (90 metres) away from spectators stands, Press Trust of India said.

Burning pieces of wreckage slammed into a nearby garage, causing it to collapse, while others hit two parked buses, setting them alight, the Press Trust said.

It said it took firefighters 30 minutes to extinguish the remnants of the jetfighter.

TAIF, Oct 8, (Agencies): A leading Lebanese Muslim legislator said today that talks to end his country's civil war are deadlocked and warned that a "more vicious war" will erupt if Christians do not surrender some of their political power.

Zaher Khalil, a Sunni Muslim who represents the National Front, an alliance of 18 Syrian and Iranian-backed Lebanese factions, told reporters that Syria will not withdraw its troops from Lebanon until the Christians agree to political reforms.

"We're at a dangerous crossroads," he said after 63 Lebanese lawmakers failed to meet for the third straight day because of deep divisions on the central issue of Syria's military presence in Lebanon and the reforms proposed by the Arab League.

The 33 Christian and 30 Muslim legislators were gathered in the Saudi Arabian resort of Taif Sept 30 by the 22-member Arab League to discuss a "national reconciliation charter."

Khalil declared that the Taif meeting is an "historic and golden opportunity" to end the war and should not be lost.

"The alternative is a renewal of the war, and this time it will be more vicious war because the weapons are going to be more vicious," he warned.

Echoing the stand by Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, he said: "The Lebanese problem is internal, not external; the result of a corrupt political system."

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# Odds against Oct 13 virus

## Hacker threat overblown

WASHINGTON, Oct 8. (UPI): Somewhere a mischievous computer hacker is hoping the upcoming Friday the 13th will be an unlucky day for personal computer owners in Europe and the United States.

Back in March, the miscreant hacker injected a "virus" programme into IBM-compatible computer software in Europe with the intention of causing havoc in personal computer records on both sides of the Atlantic.

The virus, which can be spread from computer to computer as the infected software is shared by unwitting users, is designed to erase file directory information, making data files in computer memories inaccessible.

Since the virus is hard to detect, many computer users won't know if their software is infected until the virus is triggered on Oct 13.

But fortunately, the odds are against the so-called Friday the 13th virus during extensive damage in the United States, according to the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"If safe computer practices have been followed, the risk should be practically nil," the department said in a report on the virus, which also goes under the aliases "Columbus Day," "Datacrime I," and "Datacrime II."

Dan Zoll, a computer specialist with the National Institute of Health, which has 6,000 personal computers on its extensive campus in Bethesda, Maryland, agreed with this assessment, calling the threat of the "Friday the 13th" virus "greatly overblown."

"There have been a lot of

rumours about the Friday the 13th virus, but it's hard to see it as an extensive problem," Zoll said.

NIST recommends that computer owners protect themselves by making back-ups of all hard disks so that if disks are found to have been infected, the data can be restored from the back-ups. A number of companies specialise in restoring lost data to disks.

The agency also said users should avoid setting their computer system date to Oct. 13 or later until it has been checked for the virus. NIST recommended the following techniques for detecting the presence of a virus:

■ If original file sizes are known, check for increased sizes that might indicate additional software programmes.

■ Copy all software to an isolated system and set the system date to 13 October or later and run several programmes to see if the virus is triggered.

■ Use one of the various virus detection and removal products on the market to find and rid the system of the virus.

■ An embarrassed Hague police department and a piqued Dutch university yesterday launched a new computer disk to combat a "virus" primed to wipe out thousands of personal computer memories on Friday Oct 13.

The new disk supersedes one put on sale by The Hague police on Tuesday amid a massive publicity campaign.

Rotterdam's Erasmus University, which created the anti-virus software, claims not only that it was copied and sold without permission, but that staff was bombarded with complaints because the programme was incomplete.

A Hague police spokesman said they regretted the incident.

# Dispute over future of Antarctica looms

PARIS, Oct 8. (AP): A dispute over the future of Antarctica looms over the agenda of a 39-nation meeting opening here tomorrow, with several countries vowing to challenge the plans of the United States and other developed countries.

At stake is whether the vast continent of mountains and sweeping glaciers at the bottom of the planet will be left in pristine splendour or mined for its potential mineral wealth.

The issues to be considered during the biennial review of the 1959 Antarctica treaty include the disposal of hazardous waste and controlling the wave of tourists spilling over the continent.

Among the players in the debate are Australia and France, whose policies have changed to reflect growing public concern for the environment, and the United States and Japan, who continue to favour regulated exploitation.

In the past 15 months, Australia and France have reversed their positions on an international convention reached in Wellington, New Zealand, that would open Antarctica up to carefully regulated mining. All but six of the 39 nations adhering to the Antarctica treaty initialled the accord in June 1988.

"Mining in Antarctica is not compatible with protection of the fragile Antarctic environment," French Premier Michel Rocard and Australian

Prime Minister Bob Hawke said in a joint statement issued on Aug 18.

The Wellington convention required unanimous agreement, meaning their decision torpedoed the accord for the foreseeable future.

Many diplomats said they were surprised by the decision by France, a country not known for its environmentalist policy.

# Intergirl wins award

## Tokyo fêtes Soviet director

TOKYO, Oct 8. (AP): A Soviet film made possible by the recent easing of restrictions at home won two major prizes today at the Tokyo international film festival.

The special jury prize went to Soviet director Pyotr Todorovsky's "Intergirl," while Elena Yakovleva, who played the movie's heroine, Tatyana, a prostitute, won best actress prize.

Soviet director Todorovsky told reporters it was not until recently, under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms, that a film like "Intergirl" could be released.

"The time has finally come. Now authors, artists and directors can at least speak out the truth," he said. "Three

years ago, which is not very long ago, it was not possible for us to make a film using prostitution as a subject."

The Soviet government has maintained that prostitution did not exist in the country, "although there are at least somewhere between 23,000 and 25,000 prostitutes just in Moscow," he added.

Still, he said, Soviet media have charged that his film might popularise prostitution.

Also today, Rajko Grlic of Yugoslavia won the Grand Prix for "That Summer Of White Roses," about the Yugoslav's struggle against the Nazis during World War II. It was his first film in English.

# Teenage Aids alarm

WASHINGTON, Oct 8. (Kuna): Alarmed by new data showing that the Aids virus is rapidly spreading among some groups of teenagers, experts are calling for an expanded national effort against the epidemic.

The extent of Aids infection among teenagers "is going to be the next crisis," said Dr Gary Stroksash, director of adolescent medicine at Rush Presbyterian St Luke's medical centre in Chicago. "It's dreadful and it's going to be devastating."

The number of reported cases in teenagers has increased by 40 per cent in the last two years.

"We're talking about something that only a year ago was just a theoretical possibility," said Dr Karen Hein, director of the adolescent Aids programme at Montefiore medical centre in the Bronx.

The centre for disease control in Atlanta estimates that one million to 1.5 million of the nation's 230 million people are infected with the Aids virus, an infection rate of 4.3 to 6.5 per 1,000.

A recent national study of blood samples from hospital patients, conducted by the centre for disease control, found that one per cent of 15- and 16-year-olds in areas like New York and Miami, where the Aids virus is prevalent, are already infected.

A survey analysed recently by the New York state health department of all births in the state since 1987 found that one in 1,000 babies born to 15-year-olds had antibodies to the Aids virus, indicating that the baby's mother was infected.

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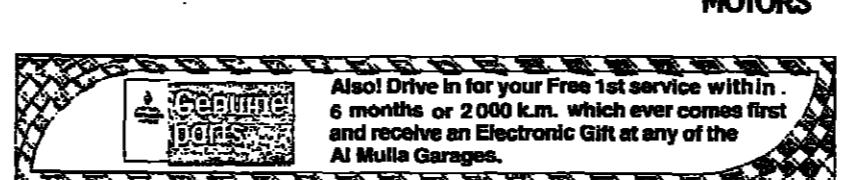
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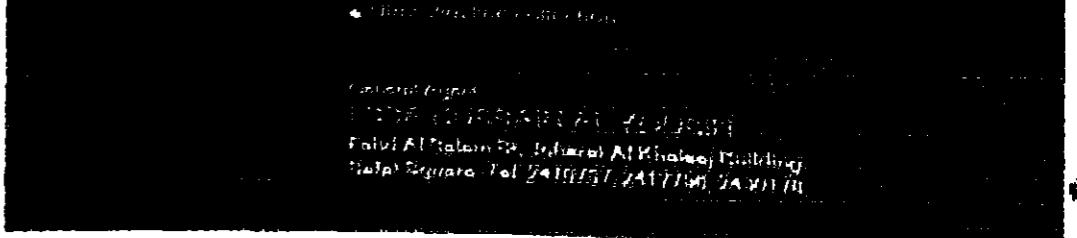
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# Generator hauled to shuttle amid protests

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Oct. 8. (UPI): Under tight security, two nuclear generators were hauled to the shuttle Atlantis's launch pad yesterday for installation aboard the \$1.4 billion Galileo Jupiter probe amid protests by activists who want this week's launch cancelled.

Atlantis is scheduled for the blastoff on Thursday at 1:29 pm EDT on the sixth post-Challenger shuttle mission, a showcase flight to launch Galileo, the most sophisticated interplanetary probe ever built, on a six-year voyage to Jupiter. The shuttle's countdown is set to begin on Monday at 8 am.

Galileo is powered by a pair of radioisotope

thermoelectric generators — RTGs — that convert the heat produced by the radioactive decay of plutonium 238 dioxide into about 570 watts of electricity. The devices have no moving parts and they are built to survive most credible launch accidents intact.

Observing strict security precautions, engineers loaded the 124-pound (56.36 kg) power packs onto trucks late yesterday and hauled them from a storage facility to launch pad for installation aboard Galileo, which is mounted in Atlantis's payload bay.

"They got there about 6:30 pm," said NASA spokesman Richard Young. "They're starting to do their

thing."

Work to connect the generators to the robot spacecraft and to test a special cooling system in the shuttle's payload bay was not expected to be finished until sometime today.

Earlier in the day in nearby Cape Canaveral, a handful of anti-nuclear activists carrying signs and wearing gas masks stood on street corners in silent protest.

## Mandatory

The use of RTGs is mandatory for Galileo because at Jupiter's great distance from the sun — about 484 million miles (774 km) — solar panels

would have to be prohibitively large to generate enough electricity for the probe's science instruments.

But the presence of nuclear generators aboard a space shuttle has generated controversy in recent weeks from citizens groups who fear a plutonium release in the event of a launch disaster.

NASA claims a \$50 million test programme conducted in the wake of the 1986 Challenger disaster proves the compact generators would easily survive a similar accident intact and that even in a worst-case catastrophe, only minimal amounts of radiation could escape.

## Surgery to remove spleen

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 8. (AP): Jamie Fiske, who received a liver transplant after her father made an emotional nation-wide appeal for a donor, is scheduled for surgery to remove her spleen because of internal bleeding, her father said yesterday.

The operation will take place tomorrow at the University of Minnesota hospital where the 7-year-old girl underwent a liver transplant in 1982. It will be her first surgery since the transplant, said Charles Fiske.

About the seriousness of her condition, Fiske said, "We've been in worse places and times." Still he said, "it's major surgery for her, given the fact she had a liver transplant."

Jamie and her father travelled to Minneapolis on Thursday from their home in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Jamie who is listed in stable condition, has suffered three bouts of internal bleeding this fall, and her doctors think an enlarged spleen may be responsible, he said.

Doctors don't believe her problem is related to the liver transplant, Fiske said. Her spleen began to enlarge a year after her transplant, but doctors said there had been no complications until now, he said.

She underwent a liver transplant after her father, then a hospital administrator, pleaded for a donor during a convention at the American Academy of Paediatricians. The nationally televised plea resulted in the offer a few days from a family in Utah whose 11-month-old son was killed in an accident.



Jamie Fiske (left) and Ray Charles sing together during the 100th anniversary celebration show. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 'The party of the century'

PARIS, Oct. 8. (UPI): The world's most famous cabaret — known for its feathers, fanfare and scantily clad dancers — kicked off a weeklong 100th anniversary celebration on Friday with a star-studded \$584 per person benefit show.

In addition to the traditional cast of hooping, hollering and high-kicking showgirls, magicians and a slithering crocodile that grace the stage every night, the celebration features a host of guest celebrities from the world over.

American singers and entertainers Tony Curtis, Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Anita Baker, Esther Williams, Lauren Bacall, Jane Russell and Jerry Lewis were slated to join French singers Charles Aznavour, Charles Trenet and Mireille Mathieu during the celebration.

Directors of the Moulin-Rouge billed the event as "the party of the century" and charged admission fees accordingly.

Tickets — which include dinner, a half bottle of wine and the show — were sold for 3,500 francs (\$585) per person for the opening night of the celebration, with profits benefiting the civic group France Liberté Foundation, headed by President François Mitterrand's wife, Danielle.

Tickets for post-opening night performances were being offered for the standard price of about 530 francs (\$90) for the movie and the show.

The nightclub has become a tourist landmark in the French capital.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

KENT, New York: Apparently not in their regular neighbourhood, coyotes are being sighted in New York City's northern suburbs, officials say.

Anthony Cazzari, town supervisor, said last week that when he walked out of his house Tuesday morning, he found "a strange-looking dog" staring at him.

On a second look, he said, he realised there was a coyote in his yard. An animal was gone when he came out.

Coyotes are small wolves native to America's Western prairies. They grow up to 4 feet (1.2 metres) long. (AP) \*\*\*

ROCKPORT, Massachusetts: Cher arrived quickly in this picturesque village to begin filming scenes for the movie "Mommie Dearest."

About 150 people gathered Tuesday on main street to catch a glimpse of the celebrity, who emerged briefly after finishing interior shots in an office.

The movie is described in publicity literature as "a comedic rendering of a realistic coming-of-age story centering on a free-spirited mother who hasn't really finished growing up, and her two individualistic daughters who yearn to settle down."

Cher portrays the mother.

The crowd waited most of the day. Cher appeared dressed in an aquamarine-with-black-polka-dots dress, sporting a beehive hairstyle. (AP) \*\*\*

ST PAUL, Minnesota: A man was awakened when a stranger jumped into his bed and police followed to haul the intruder out.

"Basically, I think the guy was just trying to hide," said officer Tim McCarty.

The man did not know the people in the house, authorities said.

Officer K.J. Wieser stopped the unidentified man's car for speeding early on Monday. When the man was unable to produce a driver's licence or identification, the officer asked him to step into his squad car.

Instead, the man ran.

Wieser gave chase, and McCarty — the man trying to enter the house. He grabbed at the men, but the man pushed his way into the house, McCarty said.

The woman who owns the house said the stranger ran through several rooms before charging up a staircase and into her 20-year-old son's room. The startled resident looked on as police pulled the man out of bed.

The man was arrested on a charge of burglary because he entered the home without permission, McCarty said. (AP) \*\*\*

BALTIMORE, Maryland: Actor Rex Harrison was not able to grit his teeth and go on with the show after undergoing dental surgery, so a theatre audience had to make do with an understudy.

Sir Rex, 81, made it through two acts of "W. Somerset Maugham's 1921 play "The Circle" at the Morris Mechanic Theatre before the curtain came down and the audience was told he was unable to continue.

Producer Elliott Martin said that medication Harrison had received after the surgery had made it impossible for the actor to function normally. (AP) \*\*\*

PINE BLUFF, Arkansas: John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," a story about hired farm workers read by sophomore English students at Watson Chapel High School for years, has been ordered dropped by the administration.

A memo from principal Charles Daniel ordered teachers not to assign the book and requested them to collect any copies they may have passed out. (AP) \*\*\*

FRANKLIN, Mass.: Even the British can't resist lampooning the vice-president. At a dinner this week in Franklin, Mass., Graham W. Haywood, chief executive officer for south Staffordshire district in England, said he has a solution for government money problems. "Issue some Dan Quayle bonds. They raise no interest, require no principal and never mature." (UPI) \*\*\*

BEVERLY HILLS: Art Metrano, who played the Freedland Lt. in the second and third "Police Academy" movies, is regaining movement after a fall from a ladder left him paralyzed. Metrano, 32, was cleaning windows in preparation for selling his Beverly Hills house when he fell Sept. 17, landing on his head and breaking three vertebrae. Metrano, who lay on the ground for 90 minutes before a neighbour heard his moaning, was at first paralyzed from the neck down but a spokesman says he can now move left side and right leg and is expected to recover fully. (UPI) \*\*\*

MIAMI: Teachers at north Miami high school are joining their students off school property in an extracurricular activity that's now banned on campus: smoking.

Since north Miami high banned smoking Oct. 1, teachers have begun joining the students who gather on a grassy median across from the school to smoke a puff.

"Before we had the protection of doing this in the privacy of a faculty lounge," math teacher Mary Tramer said. "Now we have to do it in front of the kids."

Smokers came up short in a staff vote to declare the school a "tobacco-free workplace." North Miami high is one of 160 public school buildings in Dade county to adopt a smoking ban. (UPI) \*\*\*

Biologists stumped

## Pelicans die mysteriously

SACRAMENTO, California, Oct. 8. (AP): State biologists don't know what killed several hundred white pelicans that were found beside mountain lakes and streams that supply drinking water to Los Angeles.

Authorities stressed that the deaths of the large migratory birds, while unusual, were no threat to the water supply. But tests were being conducted to see if something in the water could be causing the deaths.

Cousins of the brown pelicans found on the California coast, the white pelicans nest over a wide area of the west. But the trouble seems confined to the eastern Sierra Nevada.

"We don't know the cause of the mortality," said Vera Bleich, wildlife biologist with the California department of fish and game.



Eggs anybody?

Mother Superior Sister Catherine holds a tray of eggs laid by some of the 5,000 chickens at Our Lady of the Passion Convent in Daventry, England today. The nuns at the convent are trying to save their flock said to be infected with salmonella bacteria. (Reuter wirephoto)

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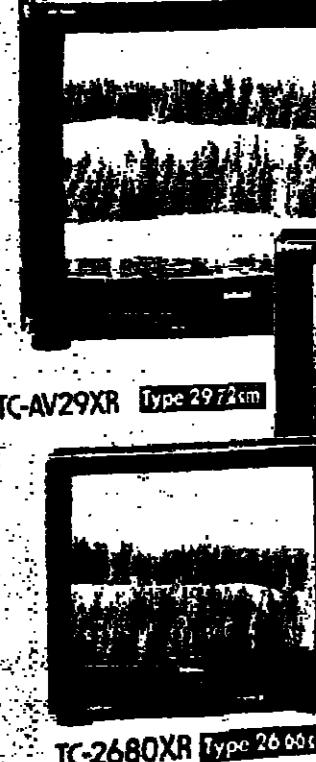
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# Colombia sought dialogue with drug barons: paper

**BOGOTA.** Oct 8. (Reuters): Colombia's opposition newspaper La Prensa said yesterday that the government sought talks with drug barons up to two days after it launched its anti-narcotics crackdown in August.

La Prensa published what it said was the facsimile of a "basis for an agreement" signed in September 1988 between the secretary-general of the presidency, German Montoya, and an intermediary for the Medellin cocaine cartel identified as lawyer Guido Parra.

Montoya denied the report in a communiqué, saying the allegations in La Prensa were "slanderous" and formed part of a disinformation campaign.

The government of President Virgilio Barco has ruled out any dialogue with the powerful drug barons who say they are at war with the Colombian establishment over the anti-narcotics crackdown, which began on August 18.

The intermediary between Montoya and Parra was columnist and former Interior Minister Joaquin Vallejo, the paper said.

Vallejo confirmed yesterday having played that role but stressed that at no point did Montoya, Barco's closest adviser, talk directly to Parra or any other envoy from the Medellin drug cartel.

La Prensa said Vallejo met Montoya on August 20, two days after the murder of leading presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, apparently on orders from the drug cartel.

Vallejo, who made no reference to that alleged meeting, dismissed the importance of the La Prensa article, saying the information was not new.

While there were no bombings reported on Friday night, police said yesterday that most

of the dynamite used in more than 60 drug-related bombings in Bogota during the past month was stolen from warehouses near the capital.

A police spokesman said 205 kg (450 lbs) of dynamite seized on Friday during a police raid on a house in Bogota originally came from the military purchasing arm industry.

# Harsh crackdown likely in Panama

## US forces were authorized to seize Noriega

**PANAMA CITY.** Oct 8. (Agencies): More bloodshed is expected in Panama as General Manuel Antonio Noriega mops up dissent and strengthens his hold over the country following last week's attempted coup.

"There will probably be more arrests in the coming days, many of them we will never hear about," a Latin diplomat said.

Diplomats said they expected a witchhunt to focus particularly on the public service.

The military says 10 rebels were killed and 26 wounded in the uprising at Noriega's headquarters last Tuesday.

The government says the measures will be promulgated by presidential decree shortly.

US Senator Jesse Helms has alleged that Noriega, who was caught in the barracks during the fighting, personally shot dead the coup leader, the commander of the security unit at the headquarters. The Panamanian government has denied the charge.

The military said five rebels sought refuge at a US base after the fighting and 37 were arrested, three of them members of Noriega's high command.

Noriega has accused the United States of planning the uprising and bribing the rebels.

The United States, which has been pressing for the ousting of Noriega since he was indicted in Florida on drugs charges in 1987, has denied involvement, although officials admit they knew of the plot some hours before it was put into effect.

Panama's political opposition, which maintains it won last May's elections by a three-to-one margin and is waging a civil disobedience campaign, is also likely to feel the heat.

The offices of opposition leader Guillermo Endara, who is in the third week of a hunger strike, were sacked by security forces and he has taken refuge at the Papal nunciature. Other opposition figures are in hiding.

Diplomats fear that with his armed forces weakened, Noriega could turn more to the dignity battalions, a civilian militia he created to guard against US intervention.

The battalions attacked opposition leaders during a protest in May with iron bars and baseball bats, creating an atmosphere of fear that has effectively put an end to public opposition demonstrations.

US forces in Panama were authorised to take custody of Noriega during last week's attempted coup, but the orders did not come from the Pentagon until the uprising was collapsing, it was reported today.

The Washington Post, citing well-placed and unidentified administration and congressional sources today said that Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, relayed the authorisation early Tuesday afternoon in a telephone conversation with Gen. Maxwell Thurman, commander of US forces in Panama.

Two top advisers to President Bush, Secretary of State James Baker and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, today refused to deny the story when asked by network television interviewers. Baker, speaking on NBC's "Meet the press," said he was not sure the story was "exactly accurate as reported," but that "I do not intend to deny the story in its entirety."

Baker said the order sent was that, "if there was an opportunity to do with without risking bloodshed and significant loss of American life and to do so without open military involvement, then ... the commander on the ground was free to go ahead."

Panamanian rebel officers wanted no more direct US help during their coup attempt and sought to distance themselves from Washington, White House Chief of Staff John Sununu said yesterday.

"It was made clear by the Panamanian rebels that they did not want any additional US action because they did not want to be too closely affiliated with the United States," Sununu said in a television interview.

A survey of 750 Americans in the days following the attempted coup in Panama shows nearly 70 per cent against US military intervention. Newsweek magazine reported.



Noriega surrounded by bodyguards talks with reporters outside his command headquarters. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Man fools news show

**LOS ANGELES.** Oct 8. (AP): A man in a fake moustache, glasses and a phony accent made the evening news by posing as the spokesman for local Panamanians opposed to that nation's leader Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Kurt Rappaport, 22, is a University of Southern California graduate and son of a lawyer. But viewers who watched the news on local television station KTTV last Tuesday saw him as Arturo Valdez, chairman of the non-existent USA-Panama Friendship Council.

In a 10-second segment, Rappaport told an interviewer in broken English that the southern California Panamanian community was willing to send "money, forces — anything with help from the United States," to fight Noriega.

"They see right through him, like a clear curtain," Rappaport said.

Roland Santos, the station's director of news operations, confirmed on Friday that the station had been hoaxed.

"Basically, if you look at the situation, somebody played a prank on us," Santos said. "We're trying to track down what happened right now. Obviously, it was not intentional."

## Disabled rebels leave for Cuba

### Salvadoran guerrillas

**SAN SALVADOR.** Oct 8. (AP):

A group of 47 disabled guerrillas left late yesterday for Cuba under protection of the Mexican government and the Red Cross, government and airport officials said.

The 47, mostly amputees, belong to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front. They occupied the capital's Metropolitan Cathedral for six weeks then on Tuesday moved into the Mexican embassy in their effort to leave the country.

In Mexico, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement the group, accompanied by two nurses, was headed for Cuba.

The statement said the group "left tonight on a special Red Cross flight for Cuba, where they have asked to be taken to receive special medical attention."

Officials at Salvador's international airport said the 47 left on a plane chartered by the Mexican government.

## Latin presidents to meet amid tight security

**LIMA.** Oct 8. (AP): Presidents and ministers from eight Latin American nations will meet in Peru this week to discuss drug trafficking, Panama, foreign debt and ecological damage to the Amazon.

The meetings, all in towns outside Lima, will take place under tight security to protect against feared terrorist attacks by leftist guerrillas.

On Tuesday, President Alan Garcia of Peru will meet with Presidents Virgilio Barco of Colombia and Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia. They will discuss the illegal cocaine trade and President George Bush's narcotics strategy, which includes \$261 million in US aid to the three countries for the anti-narcotics campaign.

The three will meet in the beach resort town of Paracas, 130 miles (210 kms) southeast of Lima, one day before Garcia hosts the presidents of the group of eight countries for three days of meetings in Ica, a town in the desert.

The group of eight countries include Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay. Panama, the eighth member, has been suspended from the group and the presidents are expected to discuss its expulsion.

Panama was suspended last year after Gen. Manuel Noriega became virtual dictator of the country. Defying orders of the civilian president to resign his post as commander of the country's security forces.



'Give me a home'

A young boy waits his turn on the Capitol steps to hand Speaker of the House Tom Foley a sack of letters written by homeless children demanding affordable housing Oct 7. An estimated 100,000 people

marched in the Housing Now Coalition March Oct 7. (Reuter wirephoto)

# March for fair housing

## Reagan betrayed Republican legacy: Ohio governor

**WASHINGTON.** Oct 8. (AP): Occupants of Beverly Hills mansions and skid-row shelters marched hand-in-hand yesterday in the largest demonstration for decent and fair housing since the civil rights crusade of the 1960s.

The mile-long (1.6-kilometre-long) march along Constitution Avenue, from the Washington monument to a rally site just short of the Capitol, crowned a three-day "housing now" campaign, sponsored by more than 200 organisations, on behalf of the homeless as well as all Americans yearning for more affordable homes.

Washington Mayor Marion Barry, a co-sponsor of the march, claimed 250,000 people in the throng which filled the entire line of march and spilled into adjacent areas of the national mall.

Police characterised that estimate as too high, but withheld offering their own count as people continued to flood onto the grounds for a rally.

Speakers called on the government to once again loosen its purse strings for housing.

Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste, a Democrat, lauded the commitment of past Republican presidents to fair and decent housing, but declared: "I'm angry because Ronald Reagan betrayed that legacy."

As the crowd cheered, Celeste added: "The federal government found in one week, \$1 billion for the poor souls made homeless by hurricane Hugo. We need billions for the poor souls made homeless by hurricane Ronnie."

The programme culminated a political siege that had been months in the making, and ended with the rousing oratory of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the music of Stevie Wonder.

Jackson said: "We are taught that the

## Hill wants reforms now

### Pressure to stiffen SA sanctions

**WASHINGTON.** Oct 8. (Reuter): President George Bush will face pressure to stiffen US economic sanctions against South Africa if the Pretoria government fails to begin dismantling apartheid in the next few months, congressional aides say.

The Bush administration believes the government of President F.W. de Klerk is showing more openness to change than its predecessor and wants to see a series of major reforms by the end of South Africa's parliamentary session next June.

But key members of the Democratic-controlled Congress may argue for a US response by as early as February.

"The State Department's idea that we're going to wait until June, then we're going to see, is a non-starter in both the House and Senate," a House aide said.

"People are unwilling ... to wait forever," a Senate foreign policy aide said. "The clock really is ticking."

Congress took the lead in 1986 when it imposed sanctions against South Africa, over the veto of then-President Ronald Reagan. Last year the House voted for more stringent sanctions but the bill died in the Senate.

Assistant Secretary of State Herman Cohen acknowledged last week that sanctions may have helped change Pretoria's thinking and listed actions which the new government there must take to make good on its promises.

Cohen said the administration did not want new sanctions to be considered "at the present time" — an indication that the administration might be ready to work with Congress to increase pressure on South Africa if it did not make significant progress on dismantling apartheid.

Simon Lazar, a national deputy with leftist authentic Socialist Party, said he would be ready to have Congress declare the pardon unconstitutional.

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But Senator Edward Kennedy, a Democrat and a sponsor of last year's sanctions bill, accused the Bush administration of dragging its feet.

Cohen's list set out a nine-month timetable for South African reforms, in three parts. The first could create a climate for progress by allowing political parties to operate, allowing exiles to return and lifting the state of emergency.

The second, he said, would be to remove discriminatory laws including those which restrict where people can buy a house or land and require registration of a child's race.

The third and most important phase would be the start of negotiations with "credible black leaders ... to talk about the future of South Africa and a constitutional order."



Sisulu visited

Mrs. Albertina Sisulu (left) wife of jailed African National Congress leader Walter Sisulu after a brief visit to her husband yesterday at Pollsmoor Prison, Cape Town. Leaving with her are their daughter Nonkuluelo (centre) and her husband Clive Mavumbe and their children.

## Rawlings aide held

**ACCRA.** Oct 8. (Reuter): Ghana has arrested a number of members of the armed forces, one of them closely connected with the country's leader Jerry Rawlings, for activities that could have compromised state security, the Ghana News Agency (GNA) reported on Friday.

An official statement said those involved included Major C.K. Quarshie, a close collaborator of Rawlings who played a key role in foiling a June 1983 attempt to overthrow the government.

## Nigeria allows 2 parties

**LAGOS.** Nigeria, Oct 8. (AP): The military government yesterday rejected 13 prospective political parties that had sought designation as legal parties, announcing that two hitherto unknown parties would be legalised.

President Ibrahim Babangida's armed forces ruling council earlier ruled only two political parties would be allowed to contest elections during a planned transition to civilian rule.

A strict government austerity programme, adopted at the insistence of international creditors, has sharply reduced the standard of living in this nation of more than 100 million people.

Demonstrations against the measures erupted into riots that left at least 43 people dead last May.

Babangida said limiting the country to two political parties was the only way to avoid the parties becoming hostage to regional, ethnic or religious groups. His government has blamed this factionalism for the failure of previous civilian governments in Africa's most populous nation.

Babangida banned Partisan political activity for more than three years after taking power in a barracks' coup in August 1985.

On May 3, he permitted political activity again, but only after banning all former politicians as well as anyone now serving in the government, including the military, from political activity.

# Peace pilgrimage

## Dalai Lama visits US

SANTA CRUZ, California, Oct 8, (AP): Buddhists and well-wishers gathered here at a tiny retreat in the Santa Cruz mountains to greet the Dalai Lama, the exiled leader of Tibet and winner of this year's Nobel peace prize.

Dressed in maroon and saffron robes and riding in a grey Jaguar, the Dalai Lama yesterday paid an unpublicized visit to the Buddhist Vajrapani Institute in Boulder Creek.

About 1,000 people lined a dirt road leading up to the temple to catch a glimpse of the 54-year-old

Tibetan leader. He blew a kiss to the crowd as many threw roses.

After blessing the temple, the Dalai Lama spoke to an audience of 2,000 in Santa Cruz.

"Compassion and love is the key thing. On the family level, the national level, the international level. It is the key to success and happiness," he said.

The Dalai Lama, living in exile in Dharamsala, India, has led a four-decade struggle against Chinese occupation, advocating non-violence. He was awarded the Nobel peace prize on Thursday.

## Manila chasing Marcos billions

### Wealth-for-burial proposal

MANILA, Oct 8, (Reuter): The Philippines has floated the idea of a deal with the family of Ferdinand Marcos to retrieve billions of dollars in cash and gold he allegedly stole during his 20-year rule.

Jose Cojuangco, the younger brother of President Corazon Aquino and secretary general of the ruling UDP party, said on Friday feelers were being sent to the Marcos family in Hawaii on the possibility of a wealth-for-burial swap.

President Aquino officially distanced himself from the proposal. "That is his own personal view," she told reporters, adding that he had no authority to negotiate with the family of Marcos, who died in Honolulu on Sept 28, aged 72.

Aquino has barred a Philippine burial for the exiled former dictator she ousted in 1986, saying he remained "a malignant power" and a security risk to the country.

But Cojuangco said an envoy would be sent to Hawaii to explore the possibility of a deal with the Marcos family, who have been linked to an alleged plot to kill Aquino.

The suggestion a deal may be possible has been encouraged by reports that Marcos planned to return much of his wealth to the Philippines people in his will.

"A settlement and a solution which does not deprive one of one's dignity and innocence, I'm ready to sit down for that," Imelda said, after the death of Marcos.

Two Manila newspapers today said Marcos had planned to donate the bulk of more than four billion dollars in gold deposits to his fellow countrymen through a Philippine foundation, but became too ill to sign the papers.

The Manila Times quoted a Philippine intelligence official as saying the Marcos gold was held with bullion traders and banks in New York, Hong Kong and Switzerland.

He said the gold was probably part of the so-called Yamashita treasure, named after Japan's World War Two Phillipine commander Gen Tomoyuki Yamashita, which was lost while being shipped to Tokyo.

After Marcos died, Mateo Caparas, chairman of the presidential commission on good government set up by Aquino to recover Marcos's wealth, said he expected the death to help in the task.

He said business associates of the former president might now be willing to come forward. Officials said those who testified could be offered a plea bargain or even escape charges.

Aquino's government is seeking \$100 million in damages from the Marcoses and their business associates in 35 civil cases, charging them with "plunder of the nation's wealth."

The United States indicted Marcos in 1988 in a separate racketeering case that included charges he embezzled more than \$100 million from the Philippines government and used the money to buy three prime buildings in New York City.

A Philippine banker once close to Marcos told a parliamentary inquiry in Manila in July that he estimated \$7.5 billion in Swiss bank accounts.

Swiss newspapers have said the Marcoses had at least \$1.5 billion in Switzerland, but Justice Ministry spokesman Jorg Kistler said most estimates were far too high.

"I think an estimate around 200 million Swiss francs (\$120 million) is more likely," he added.

According to government charges, Marcos systematically set out from the start of his rule to rob the nation through a series of dummy companies, nominee bank accounts, agents and business associates, making it "extremely difficult for an exploited, defrauded nation to detect and prosecute them."

Good-government commissioner Augusto Villar said last week the Philippine government might intercede with the United States to drop charges against Marcos's widow, Imelda, if she agreed to return a substantial portion of her husband's wealth.

## Panamanian ship runs aground

TOKYO, Oct 8, (UPI): A Panamanian freighter with 19 Filipino seamen aboard ran aground off the Ogasawara (Bonin) islands in the Pacific last night but all crewmen were safe, maritime officials said today.

The ship's skipper Francisco S. Serilla, 51, told maritime officials all crewmen landed on nearby Nishijima island off the island group safely and were waiting for rescue, the officials of the Yokohama Maritime Safety Agency said.

The 3,823-tonne Tomoko of Panamanian registry hit the shallow bottom off the island while en route from central Japan to Papua New Guinea, the officials said.

The ship almost broke in two and was lying on the shallow bottom, they said.

A Japanese patrol ship was due to arrive at the scene tonight to rescue the crewmen, the officials said.

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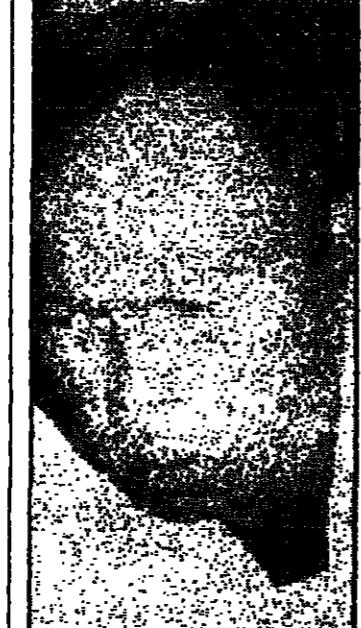
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Better without

Loth Suong thinks Cambodia might be better off if his brother Pol Pot, the paramount leader of the Khmer Rouge, never returns. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 11 Hanoi divisions still in Cambodia

BANGKOK, Oct 8, (AP): Khmer Rouge guerrillas claim that Vietnam, despite its promised promise withdrawal, continues to station 11 divisions as well as other military units inside Cambodia.

A statement issued by the Khmer Rouge military command detailed the alleged locations of the divisions and also claimed independent regiments and other units also had remained behind after last month's pullout.

"Altogether, the strength of the Vietnamese aggressor forces currently is about 80,000 men," said the statement.

The statement said there were another 60,000 Vietnamese militiamen and 50,000 experts in politics, administration, subversion and spying hidden among over a million Vietnamese settlers in the country.

Vietnam, which invaded Cambodia in late 1978 to oust the Khmer Rouge, said the last of its 26,000 troops left the country Sept 26. The pro-Hanoi government in Cambodia also maintains all Vietnamese soldiers have returned home.

Western analysts uniformly regard Khmer Rouge claims as unreliable and exaggerated. But the controversy over whether Hanoi has left some military presence behind continues. Analysts generally agree there is no concrete proof that Hanoi had about the withdrawal.

Last week the Khmer Rouge, in co-operation with the Thai Foreign Ministry, allowed some journalists inside Cambodia to interview five soldiers the Khmer Rouge claimed had been captured after the withdrawal.

Most foreign reporters were barred from the interview, which was preceded by contradictory remarks by the ministry and the Thai military on the alleged capture.

Returning from a visit to Europe last Thursday, Thai Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan said Thai officials should not speculate about the Vietnamese military in Cambodia nor act as mouthpieces for the Khmer Rouge.

## Angela kills 26 Filipinos

MANILA, Oct 8, (Reuter): Typhoon Angela killed at least 26 people and left 40 others missing in a destructive sweep through the northern Philippines, the civil defence office said today.

The typhoon, which battered the tobacco-growing Ilocos and Cagayan regions on Friday with 175-kph (110-mph) winds, destroyed crops worth nine million pesos (\$400,000) and damaged more than 2,000 houses, the civil defence spokesman said.

The Philippines was hit last month by typhoon Sarah, which killed 31 people.

## Pope prays for unification of Koreas

# Plea for democracy



The Pope waving to a huge congregation in Seoul's You'so Plaza. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Pope wants to visit China

POPE John Paul II heads for Indonesia today on the second leg of his 11-day Asian pilgrimage, after expressing a desire to visit China, a nation which shuns the Vatican and barred his plane from flying over its territory.

The head of the world's 1 billion Roman Catholics, winding up a whirlwind 44-hour visit to South Korea, focused on China at the end of a mass for 650,000 faithful

yesterday on a river island in Seoul.

The Pope also repeated hopes that divided North and South Korea will end 36 years of undeclared war and make progress toward reunification.

A smiling and waving John Paul rode his popemobile through a sea of faithful gathered for the solemn mass on the island in Seoul's Han-Gang river.

## Rebel students sympathise with Burmese hijackers

BANGKOK, Oct 8, (AP): A Burmese student rebel group today said the demands of two Burmese hijackers who threatened to blow up a domestic airliner were "identical to that of the entire people of Burma."

Two students on Friday diverted a domestic airliner to Thailand and held 83 persons hostage before surrendering to Thai officials.

"We regard this (hijacking) as a reaction to the current situation in Burma, where freedom of speech is totally impossible," said a statement from the All Burma Students Democratic Front.

The front is the major organisation of students who fled the interior of Burma to fight for democracy from camps along the country's borders with Thailand, India and China.

The group claims nearly 5,000 students and other dissidents are currently living in 24 frontier camps under the protection of various ethnic minority groups also battling the central government.

"Their (the hijackers') demands are identical to that of the entire people of Burma and these are the demands we have been relaying the world populace without tears and blood since the military brutal takeover in Burma," the statement said.

An official media report from Burma seen today said Friday's hijacking was settled successfully because of good relations between Thailand and Burma. The students are being held in military custody. But Thai officials have said they would not be repatriated to their military-run homeland.

The two initially threatened to blow up the aircraft with what Thai officials say was a homemade explosive but then surrendered after prolonged negotiations.



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## Beijing firm on Marxism

BEIJING, Oct 8, (Reuter): A day after Hungary's ruling party abandoned communism, China proclaimed the ideology's certain victory and urged battle on all fronts against efforts by the capitalist world to win its overthrow.

China's newspapers today said capitalism had failed in all but a handful of colonialist countries, which were using trade, propaganda, war and diplomacy to attack communism.

The papers exhorted China's 1.1 billion people to stand firm and resist.

Communism has enabled the Soviet Union to overtake all countries in Western Europe in gross national product and to rank second only to the United States, the conservative Beijing Daily said.

The system, drafted by Karl Marx in the 19th century, has also helped China surpass many Western nations in output of coal, steel and oil, the paper said.

"Communism will gain certain victory," it said.

It said only about 10 of the world's 150 capitalist countries could be termed rich, a goal they had attained by extracting wealth from their colonies.

Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong and South Korea had grown prosperous because they were small and suited to the short-term political and economic needs of international capital, the paper said.

The Liberation Army daily newspaper charged the capitalist world had since the 1950s planned to crush communism, first by military means and, when that failed, peacefully, through diplomacy, trade, economic and military aid and propaganda such as the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe.

# E. Germany crushes democracy seekers

## More flee communism

WARSAW, Oct 8. (Reuter): More East Germans flocked to Bonn's Warsaw embassy today, seeking to follow nearly 1,500 compatriots who were allowed to leave the mission for West Germany last week.

East Germans at the mission said at least 400 had arrived since a second trainload of refugees who had occupied the embassy were allowed to go to the West last Thursday.

West German officials were not available for comment.

Most of the new arrivals were being registered by embassy officials and taken to holiday centres and hotels.

"We don't have it this good at trade union-sponsored holiday camps in the GDR (East Germany)," one young East German said as he tucked into lunch at a hotel in Sulejowek, a town on the outskirts of Warsaw.



**Police brutality**

A bloodied youth holds his head after being struck with a police baton when East Germany's 40th anniversary celebrations ended in fighting. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Freedom sought

### Latvia makes plans

RIGA, Soviet Union, Oct 8. (Reuter): Latvian nationalists are pressing their drive for independence, saying only statehood can save the Baltic republic from the ravages of a half century of Soviet rule.

More than 1,000 delegates to the Latvian Popular Front's second congress were putting the final touches to an ambitious programme today for an independent, multi-party state free of nuclear weapons and foreign troops.

"Our nation has only one task — independence," delegate Valdis Steins told the congress after it opened yesterday. "Who will pay for those who have been killed for or those who have suffered? Years of communism have given us only pain."

The front's programme, to break away from the Soviet Union, is short on detail but represents the strongest challenge yet from the Baltic republics to Moscow's authority.

The programme includes a call for trading links with other Soviet republics and closer co-operation with Latvia's Baltic neighbours, the republics of Estonia and Lithuania.

Popular front groups formed in the past year have stoked national sentiment in the three republics — all independent states between the two world wars before being incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940.

"The last half century has seen the rule of an absurd economic system, the absence of human rights and administrative arbitrariness which has led Latvia to national, economic and ecological catastrophe," says the programme.

"The Latvian Popular Front's goal is to restore the independence of the Latvian state by creating a democratic parliamentary republic."

Delegates said the success of the movement, which has a membership of more than 200,000 and has largely displaced the communist party as the republic's driving force, depends on securing greater economic freedom from ministries in Moscow.

"If we are stronger economically, we can achieve our independence," said Valdis Berzins, foreign editor of the front's newspaper, Atmoda. "It is the only way to get beyond talk."

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### Distress

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**Cry for freedom**

Young East Germans scream "Gorby" and "freedom" as they marched through central East Berlin to the Palace of

the Republic where Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was attending a reception. (Reuter wirephoto)



**Menacing policeman**

A policeman waving a baton during a demonstration at the end of celebration to mark the 40th anniversary of East Germany. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Papa gets mandate, but polls inevitable

ATHENS, Oct 8. (Reuter): Former Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, who faces criminal charges, worked against the odds today to form a left-wing coalition government but a second national election this year seemed inevitable.

Many protesters hailed Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who ended a two-day visit yesterday to mark the anniversary of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the troubled communist nation.

Papandreou accepted a three-day mandate from President Christos Sartzetakis yesterday to try to coax a communist-led alliance to join his Socialist Party in a leftist coalition government.

He took up the mandate after the conservative-communist coalition formed in July resigned, saying it had completed its government clean-up campaign and wanted elections on Nov 5.

Papandreou, who ruled from 1981 until an election defeat last June, has little chance of winning over the communists, who voted in Parliament last month to have him tried on criminal charges.

The unprecedented right-left coalition used its strength in Parliament to send Papandreou to trial on charges of ordering illegal telephone wiretaps while in office and complicity in a \$300-million bank embezzlement scandal.

Five other former socialist ministers were also ordered to stand trial in the bank embezzlement affair or another scandal involving illegal grain sales to the European Community.

Papandreou said he would return his mandate to Sartzetakis on Monday, and announce proposals by his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) for forming a coalition government from the present parliament.

But the odds are stacked heavily against success. Both the conservative New Democracy Party and its communist coalition partners have adamantly rejected any deals at this stage and insisted on elections in November.

With the conservatives and communists controlling 173 seats in the 300-seat Parliament, there seems no way for Papandreou to avoid running an election campaign while under the cloud of a pending criminal trial.

If Papandreou fails the communists have a chance. They have said that, like New Democracy yesterday, they will reject the mandate. Sartzetakis must then seek a national unity government and finally he calls elections. This is expected by Saturday.

Papandreou's decision to accept the mandate appeared to be a defiant gesture to show he remains a force to be reckoned with despite his recent misfortunes.

He has been trying to regroup the Socialist Party, whose strength was cut to 125 seats from 161 in Parliament, and Woo back disgruntled members who left because of the scandals.

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For years, as France navigated through

### America

**Strike while the iron is hot:** US arms negotiator Richard Burt, in Rome, said yesterday the West had a unique chance to reach disarmament accords with Moscow but bestopped short of predicting early agreement on cutting long-range nuclear arsenals.

We in the West should strike while the iron is hot," said Burt, head of the US delegation at the Strategic Arms Reduction (Start) talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva.

He was briefing the defence and security committee of the North Atlantic assembly, Nato's 16-nation consultative parliamentary forum, on progress in Start negotiations.

Burt said changes in Soviet policy under President Mikhail Gorbachev had given the West an unprecedented opportunity to reach an accord on a range of weapons. (Reuter)

**Louisiana voters reject:** Proposals to enhance the voting power of blacks in electing judges were rejected in a referendum yesterday in the state of Louisiana.

The two judicial amendments — defeated by 3-to-1 margins — would have added a supreme court justice and a majority black district in the New Orleans area, and created up to 35 black-majority sub-districts for district and appellate courts.

The civil rights challenges that prompted the amendments came about because there are no blacks on the state supreme court, only one black among the state's 52 appellate court judges, and five black district court judges out of 192. (AP)

**Quake strikes Andreanof:** A strong earthquake followed by at least four aftershocks struck the Andreanof islands in the Aleutian chain of Alaska yesterday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) reported.

The quake occurred at 7:49 am (1149 GMT) and was recorded at a magnitude of 6.6 on the open-ended Richter Scale.

USGS earthquake monitors in Golden, Colorado, recorded at least four aftershocks, the strongest being a magnitude 6.0 earthquake almost an hour after the main tremor.

The quake was felt on the islands of Adak and Amchitka.

A spokesman for the Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre in Palmer, Alaska, said the centre did not expect the earthquake to trigger sizeable ocean waves. (Reuter)

**Thornburgh trips defended:** The US Justice Department is defending Attorney General Dick Thornburgh's use of government aircraft for private travel, including a trip to a convention in Hawaii aboard a Boeing 727 in which he and five assistants were the only passengers.

David Punkel, a spokesman for Thornburgh, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation "has determined that for his personal security and the security of his communications that he should travel by government airplane."

The FBI is a branch of the Justice Department, which Thornburgh heads.

Runkel said Thornburgh was surprised, however, to learn that the only government aircraft for the Hawaii trip was a 727, a large, commercial-sized jet used by the US marshals service to fly prisoners around the country. (AP)

**Report on weapons plant:** Independent investigators say in a highly critical report that there were dangerous amounts of plutonium in uncontrolled conditions at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant in Colorado, but that there was no evidence of an accidental nuclear reaction.

The inspectors said in a report on safety conditions at the plant that many changes are needed to improve controls on plutonium used to shape triggers for nuclear warheads.

Friday's report said that while no evidence was found that an accidental nuclear reaction had ever occurred at Rocky Flats, there is a "real possibility" of such a disaster because the plant operator doesn't properly control all its plutonium.

An accidental reaction would produce a lethal dose of radiation to workers. (AP)

What's more, a new poll shows a solid majority of the citizenry doesn't think it makes a gnaw's whisker worth of difference whether it's the socialists or the conservatives running the country.

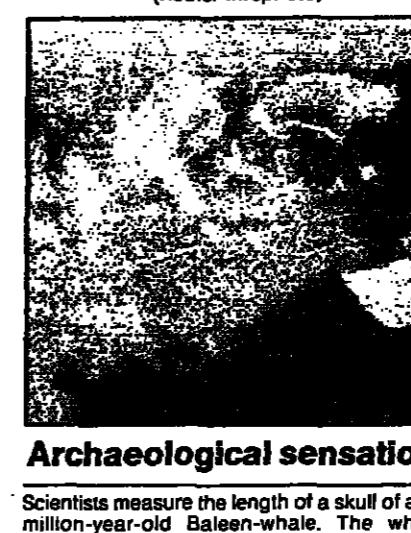
Autumn traditionally is a time when a French worker's thoughts turn to money and strikes. Last year it was nurses and transport workers; this year it's the tax collectors, prison guards and employees at the Peugeot automobile company.

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**Julie honoured**

Actress Julie Andrews (left) backstage at the Leicester Square Odeon in London with Princess Anne after being presented with the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Tribute Award for her contribution to world cinema. The princess is the president of the academy. (Reuter wirephoto)



**Archaeological sensation**

Scientists measure the length of a skull of a 14 million-year-old Baleen whale. The whale which has lived in the Miocene geological era was discovered in a gravel-pit close to the city of Hamburg. Well known whale-specialist Gunther Behrmann (second left) says the discovery is a archaeological sensation for the good condition of the whale-skeleton. (Reuter wirephoto)



**Closing in**

Police Swazi team members approach a house where George Bush is staying in a village in Swaziland. The victim's body is seen in the lower part of the photo. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Homosexuals storm symposium:** Homosexual rights activists stormed a hotel in Anaheim, California, yesterday to protest a conservative church group symposium where speakers warned that homosexuals are a threat to American culture.

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### Africa

**Fighting erupts in Namibia:** More than 20 people were injured in a night of clashes between rival political groups following a huge rally yesterday of Namibia's South Africa People's Organisation (Swapo).

Police said today fighting broke out when supporters of the rival Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) attacked Swapo supporters near the northern town of Oshakati.

A series of grenade explosions and sporadic gunfire occurred after the initial clashes.

DTA supporters attacked a school where there were some Swapo supporters at Ongwediva near here, and the DTA supporters were shooting at everybody including the police, police spokesman, Chief Inspector Derek Brune, told Reuters. (Reuter)

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# Hungary gives up communism

Leaders debate new party programme

BUDAPEST, Oct 8. (Agencies): Hungarian leaders debated today how to run a Western-style socialist party after killing off their ruling Communist Party.

The party's newspaper even dropped the communist slogan "Workers of the world unite" from its masthead, but opposition groups doubted whether the transformation amounted to more than a change of nameplate.

Proposed statutes would commit the new party to freedom of expression and a decentralised structure far removed from that of its predecessor.

A draft programme also expected to be adopted by tomorrow will pledge the party to a free multi-party system with full civil liberties and a market economy.

Hungary yesterday became the first east European country to vote out of existence the ruling communist party and abandon basic principles of Marxism-Leninism.

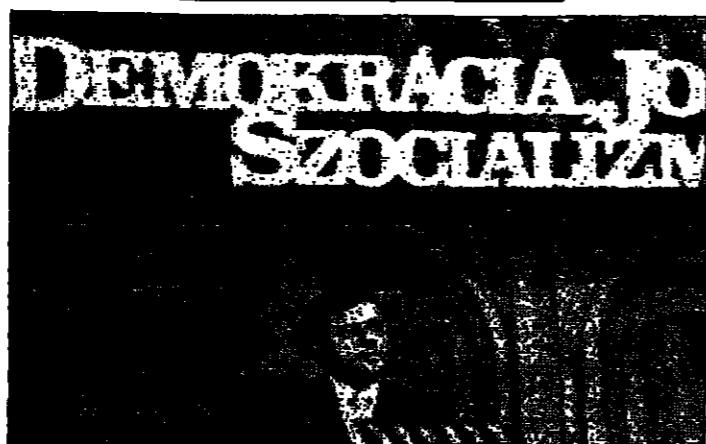
Its demise coincided with demonstrations in East Germany against hardline communist rule and warnings in Poland that the country faced civil war unless the country's economy was reformed quickly.

The decision to set up the new Hungarian party was achieved without the deep split expected between radical reformers and conservatives. All but 197 of nearly 1,300 delegates voted to create the new party.

But for some reformers not enough was done to break with the Leninist past, while some conservatives felt the new party could be hijacked by a radical leadership.

A group called the Janos Kadar Society, named after the party's late hardline leader and claiming more than 30,000 members, said it would spearhead a new Hungarian Communist Party for people who found no place in the new Socialist Party.

Under the proposed decentralised structure for the socialist



Nemeth addressing the second day's debate of the 14th congress of the communist party in Budapest. (Reuter wirephoto)

party, a politburo and central committee will be replaced by a presidium and democratically-elected management board including members of parliament, interest group representatives and members elected at local level.

The draft programme calls for "stubborn prejudices regarding private ownership" to be abandoned and the creation of a non-class party in an independent Hungary.

Private ownership is one of the indispensable driving forces of growth," it said.

But political analysts, opposition parties and some radical members of the old party wondered whether the new party could be fundamentally different if it took over so many people from the defunct Communist Party.

"How can a party be socialist all of a sudden when it has so many communists in it?" asked an activist of the alliance of free democrats, which is preparing to fight multi-party elections due by the middle of next year.

Deputy prime minister Peter Medgyessy, a radical reformer in the old party, criticised compromises and said he had not yet decided whether to join the

## Knights of Malta return

Not to rule but to help

VALLETTA, Malta, Oct 8. (AP): Nearly two centuries after Napoleon kicked them out, the knights of Malta are returning to the island that they got from an emperor and paid for with a falcon.

But this time the "monks in armour" come as visitors, not rulers. They plan to stay a week, not 268 years. Their mission is to help Malta, and to review the work of their hospitals world-wide.

The knights are the oldest existing order of chivalry and the fourth-oldest religious order in the Roman Catholic church. Though the knights no longer rule a country, the order retains its status as an independent state and has diplomatic relations with 50 nations.

Officially named "The sovereign military order of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta," the knights ruled this rocky and almost barren Mediterranean archipelago from 1530, when Emperor Charles V gave it to them for the price of one trained falcon a year, until 1798, when Napoleon sent them packing without the treasures they acquired during centuries of plundering the Ottoman Empire.

Now, Fra Andrew Bertie, the 78th grand master of the 900-year-old charitable and military order, has summoned the knights back to Malta on Oct 17-

22 to help bolster the sagging fortunes of their former dominion.

For centuries, membership in the knights required proof of generations of nobility. Today, membership is possible for those without a noble past, and the rolls are still crowded with the wealthy and influential.

Members include former US secretary of state Alexander Haig, Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti, Italian President Francesco Cossiga and Fiat chairman Giovanni Agnelli.

Such men are one person the order's Maltese association asked Bertie to call the knights back to this country, which in 25 years of independence has found the economic road as rocky as its coastline.

Bertie, a long-time former president of Malta, agreed. He encouraged knights world-wide to attend the first world gathering of the order.

Roger de Giorgio, president of the Maltese Association of the ancient order now based in Rome, said about 500 of the 10,000 members are expected to travel to Malta.

"We want knights from around the world to exchange ideas about our hospital work and to rediscover Malta," said de Giorgio.

# Tamils abduct 18 journalists

## 21 bodies of Sinhalese found: peace bid succeeding

COLOMBO, Oct 8. (AP): At least 18 journalists were abducted from their news office in northern Sri Lanka by pro-Indian Tamils who said they would be put to work on a new newspaper, a staffer who fled during the raid said today.

The journalist, who did not want his name publicised because of possible repercussions, said 18 of his colleagues were abducted from their office in Jaffna town on Thursday by members of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front.

The journalists worked for the Eelanadu newspaper, the country's oldest Tamil-language newspaper. The news-

paper is based in Jaffna.

The journalists who escaped said he was one of five who fled during the raid. The journalist, who has proved reliable in the past, then made his way to Colombo.

He said Indian troops just outside Eelanadu's main entrance "meddled around with telephone lines just as armed cadres of the EPRLF herded the news-paper staff into vehicles."

A spokesman for the Indian High Commission, said he had no information on the episode.

The EPRLF is supported by India and bitterly opposes the largest Tamil militia,

the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

The Tigers are fighting Indian peacekeeping troops who were sent to Sri Lanka to disarm them in July 1987.

The EPRLF closed Eelanadu and two other Tamil newspapers in Jaffna on Sept 20 after they carried paid advertisements commemorating the second anniversary of the death of a Tiger rebel leader, Thileepen.

Last February the Tigers blew up Eelanadu's office after the newspaper carried stories the Tigers considered pro-Indian.

Meanwhile, the government postponed a meeting of all-party committee which

was to monitor a ceasefire between Indian troops and the Tigers.

The bodies of 21 young Sinhalese men were found today at a fifth-century fort that is one of the island's most popular tourist spots, police said.

Meanwhile, the government and main opposition group have moved closer toward a solution to Sri Lanka's bloody political violence, official sources said.

They described as a step forward a four-point peace plan which emerged at talks between President Ranasinghe Premadasa and opposition leader Sirima Bandaranaike.

## Polish nuns still in convent

WARSAW, Oct 8. (Reuters): Carmelite nuns today denied a report that they moved out of a convent at the former Nazi death camp of Auschwitz which has caused a row between Roman Catholics and Jews.

The Polish Catholic church has said it will build a prayer centre to house the nuns outside the death camp grounds.

But a spokeswoman at the convent denied remarks by a World Jewish Congress (WJC) official in New York on Friday that most of the nuns had already left.

"There is no truth in the rumour that some of us have left. All 14 of us are still here. We are waiting just as you are, as the whole world is waiting," the spokeswoman told Reuters.

WJC Vice-President Kalman Sulanik said he had learnt on a recent trip to Warsaw that eight nuns had left the convent.

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## Spanish contenders

The four main candidates for Oct 29 Spanish general elections are (from left) Social Democrat

Adolfo Suarez, Julio Anguita of Communist Party, Socialist Premier Felipe Gonzalez and Con-

servative Jose Maria Aznar (Reuter wirephoto)

## 100,000 Italians march in protest against racism

ROME, Oct 8. (Reuters): At least 100,000 people marched through Rome yesterday in Italy's first national demonstration against racism and a policeman was injured in a clash with left-wing extremists.

Police said one officer was injured and three youths were detained for questioning in clashes

symbolise racial harmony and banners demanding equal rights for Italy's growing population of immigrants from developing countries.

Marchers waved huge black and white hands to

with a group of about 800 young left-wing extremists, but reported no other incidents.

The demonstration was organised by Italy's three trade union confederations and Catholic church groups, immigrant organisations and political parties.



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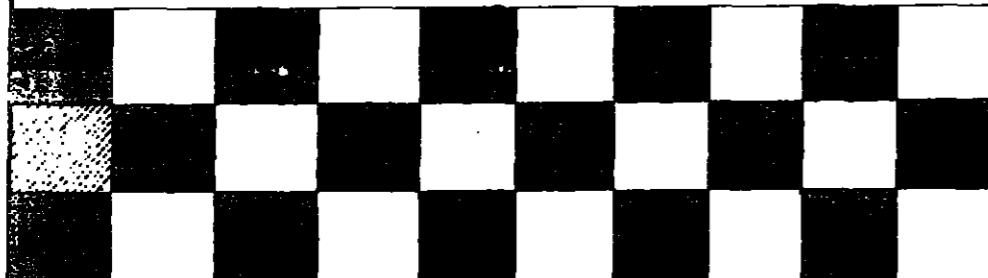
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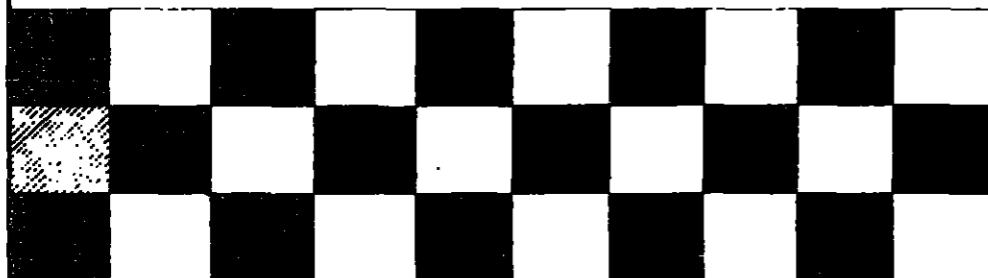
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## Housing plan blueprint for new system

## Strict control on reconstruction

expediency with which housing applications would be met and housing projects constructed.

## Constraints

The proposed designs of the housing units would take care of all past negativities, whereby no more demolition and repairs of houses delivered to applicants could be made, as the new designs would be made to suit all requirements.

He added that under the forthcoming plan, strict constraints would be brought into play to ensure that citizens would not tamper with public property, waste money and indulge in futile demolition and reconstruction.

He pointed out that the distribution of plots and loans offered by the NHA was but one approach for solving this problem and that the process had so far progressed satisfactorily, regardless of the possible existing loopholes here and there.

He said that the NHA would seek to further the completion of large numbers of projects and housing units as well as public facilities, such as schools, centres and others, whereby to reduce the wait of applicants to obtain government houses.

He said that the NHA's slow and careful distribution of plots and loans was intended to avoid satiating the contractors market with these projects which would lead to a drop in quality and a price rise in building materials.

## Legal Clinic

## ADVICE FROM OUR KUWAITI LAWYER KHALID TAHER

If you have a legal problem, labour or any other kind, send your questions to Arab Times, Legal Clinic. Our Kuwaiti lawyer Khalid Tahir replies to readers' queries. Write to Legal Clinic, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions on Fax No. 4847495.

I CAME to Kuwait in Sept 1988. I am working in a contracting company as a welder. After I came here, I was asked to do all kinds of jobs, including heavy rigging. My salary is KD600. I complained to the company owner and he said I must do all kinds of jobs. My employer told me if I didn't do all the jobs, he would complain to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the police. I came on a two-year contract. One condition in my contract says that if I resign, I'll have to pay KD300 as compensation to the company. I am in big trouble. If I approach the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, can I get a plane ticket from my company to my country?

R.S. and M.

IT is not clear from your letter what kind of contract you signed. The condition that the company will be paid compensation by an employee who breaks the contract can be placed in a limited contract; the payment is a sort of compensation for not completing the contract. If this is the case, it is not illegal. There are also other circumstances, like employee training by a company which may also include such a condition in the contract. Other variables are also taken into consideration. As your query is not clear, I cannot give an accurate reply.

I AM interested in starting a small silk-screen printing workshop in Shuaibah. As far as I know, one does not need to have a Kuwaiti sponsor to start a small workshop anymore. Could you clarify my doubts?

1. If I start my own business, who sponsored my visa? I have been in Kuwait for 15 years. Do I still need to be sponsored by a Kuwaiti?

2. Do I need to fulfil any regulations regarding commercial registration etc.?

Stanley Dias

I THINK one of the readers had asked me a similar question earlier, which had been answered previously in this column.

As far as I know, I have not come across any law that covers the matter. Maybe, such a law is in the making. If the law is issued, it will cover all relevant details, including your queries.

I WOULD like you to compute overtime payment. As a monthly salaried person, overtime will be computed on 30/31 days or on the actual working days in a month? For example, if a person gets KD90 per month and works 80 hours overtime (80 x 1.25 = 100), how much overtime should be paid to him? Is it KD37,500 (90 by 30) or KD45 (90 by 25)? Please clarify.

Private sector employee

OVERTIME is calculated on the basis of the actual working days in a particular month. In the example you have given, a person who draws KD90 per month will get KD45 (90 divided by 25).

I HAVE been working in a company from Feb 1987. I will complete three years next year. Two years after I joined the company, I was asked to sign an agreement, which does not mention period of employment. As I have signed this agreement, will there be any difficulty to obtain a release?

Gamil Docawata

YOU signed an "unlimited period contract." Article 3 of the contract says it is an "open contract." I don't think there should be any problem seeking a release if you want to. It doesn't matter if you have signed this contract at a later date.

B. Umesh

I WORKED in a ministry on visa No. 17 for over 29 years since 1959 to 1988. I then took up a job in the private sector, visa No. 18, from Oct 29, 1988. I now have an offer of a better paid job. Can I accept this offer as I have been living in Kuwait for over 30 years. I have held visa No. 18 for only one year. Please advise.

B. Umesh

I AM AFRAID you can't get a transfer of residence under the exemption for 10 years continuous stay. This rule applies only to the holders of visa No. 18.

I suggest you give an application to the Ministry of Social Affairs, explaining your situation; they might consider your case. It is also advisable to apply to the minister, seeking an exemption.

## Rents still a bone of contention

## Tenants complain of harassment

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times Staff

pathetic conditions.

Many Asian expatriates in Kuwait earning a salary of KD200 or less share accommodation with either their friends or other families. They are obliged to do so in order to save money and send it back home.

## Trend

Other families who occupy expensive flats or apartments have salaries of KD800 or more. Thus those in cheaper apartments do not get a salary exceeding KD500. So the normal trend is to be highly paid.

That is not the whole story as many manage to live with low salaries, but sometimes problems start when the owners want to increase the rent, after one or five years. Salaries have not gone up for a considerable amount of time but rent is the monster that swallows the monthly income of expatriates who are left with but a few dinars at the end.

Property owners prefer to have a one-year contract with tenants in order to increase the rent accordingly after a couple of years. In this case tenants either reluctantly agree or move out to another apartment in the vicinity. Some tenants who are ignorant about the laws and at the wit's end try to approach the owner who studiously avoids them.

Arab Times carried out a

survey on such people who live in different areas of Kuwait and are faced with the dilemma of increasing rents.

P. Rino, a computer engineer, said that he earns a monthly salary of KD500 and lives in Amman Street in Salimiyah near the Indian School. He added that he signed a contract with the owner that was automatically renewed. Now after three years the owner is demanding an increase in rent. Rino said he cannot leave his apartment which is near the school of his children and he can't find another at a reasonable price.

Another tenant M. Jabri who lives in Farwaniya said that the owner harasses tenants for higher rents. Those who have been living for more than five years in the same building are paying rent to the court as the owner refuses to receive any amounts from them.

He added that rents in Farwaniya are suitable compared to those in Salimiyah or Hawali. Jabri who gets a salary of KD460, said he is paying KD140 for his one bedroom hall apartment. He cannot move to another flat because rents have shot up. A third tenant of Salwa, J. Anderson said that rents in the area are quite expensive, yet she is planning to move the family to another area because the owner is planning to increase the rent.

She added that the owner insisted on signing a one year contract, with the intention to increase the rent. She said that it is unfair that rents have to increase every five years. This does not exist in any other place in the world. An end should be put to that. If the rent doubles every five years then after 15 years it will be more than KD500 for an apartment of 2 bedrooms "this is ridiculous."

A labourer who works at a cleaning company J. Roudi said that he shares a room in Hassawi with 14 other persons. He earns KD40 every month. He added that he found it very difficult to deduct KD10 for rent every month because he has to send money back home. He added that the room is full of people, but there is no other alternative, because single people cannot live in areas designated for families.

According to Article 11 of the Rent Law No. 35/1987, the landlord has the right to amend the rent every five years with the consent of the tenant and it should not exceed 100 per cent.

Article 20 of the same law states that a tenant cannot be evicted even if the lease has expired. However a landlord can seek eviction if the tenant has not paid the rent, sub-let the apartment without the consent of the landlord or has been using the property in a manner contradictory to the rent agreement.





# Hussein pledges powers to House

Call to choose right men

AMMAN, Oct 8. (AP): King Hussein vowed yesterday that Jordan's first general election in two decades will produce a Parliament with power, and he appealed for voters to reject extremism.

"The forthcoming Parliament will not be only... a mere forum for delivering political statements, but also a national institution through which we participate in formulating national policies in all aspects of life," he said in a televised speech.

The new 80-member Parliament may end an era in which Hussein has ruled with little parliamentary constraint.

Jordan's last nation-wide vote took place shortly before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, when Jordan lost the West Bank, which held half the seats in the old 60-member Parliament.

Hussein said "the old Parliament began to lose the nature of realistic representation" after years passed without an election, and noted that Jordanians below the age of 41 have never voted in a general election.

The old body was revived in 1984, but was relatively compliant to government proposals. Hussein suspended it again in 1988 when he renounced the West Bank in favour of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The king told voters they stand "at the threshold of a new era." But he referred several times to the poll as "an experiment."

Earlier parliaments were suspended several times amid political turmoil or regional conflicts.

He urged Jordanians to choose "people who deal with the country's problems and issues on the ground with rationalism, realism and equilibrium, and not people who are carried away by wild imagination."

Hussein, a descendant of Islam's Holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), called for harmony between Jordan's Muslim majority and Christian minority, and he hammered at Islamic extremists, blaming them for much of Lebanon's civil war agony.

He said some had been trained to "kill and subvert and blow up and carry out the most repulsive and sinister actions, in flagrant violation of the simplest religious

## Hussein peace trip

Call for Mideast conference

ROME, Oct 8. (Agencies): King Hussein of Jordan arrived in Italy today at the start of a three-nation trip to discuss Middle East problems and economic assistance to Jordan.

The Arab-Israeli peace process, efforts to end Lebanon's 14-year civil war, an Iraq-Iran peace settlement and bilateral co-operation were expected to feature in his talks with Italian, Canadian and British leaders.

Hussein was accompanied by his American-born wife Queen Noor and Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker.

The King was expected to reiterate his call for an international peace conference on the Middle East and to urge Israel to respond to international and Arab peace efforts, Jordanian officials said.

King Hussein will meet Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti and Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis before leaving for Ottawa on Tuesday for a five-day visit to Canada.

On his way home, the king is expected to stop in London to meet British leaders and lecture on the Middle East at Oxford University.

principles and values."

The King said some Islamic militants carried out "the plans and ambitions of certain countries."

That was an apparent reference to Iran, whose Shiite fundamentalist leaders are bitterly at odds with Hussein's Sunni Muslim allies in Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Hussein also made one of his strongest appeals for women's rights, saying that Islam "cannot accept the crippling of half the society," apparently attacking conservative religious sentiment

against a broader political and economic role for women.

The November election will be the first nation-wide vote for women, who won the vote in 1974.

The King also said Israel "obstructs peace efforts and sticks to intransigence and arrogance for fear of a just peace."

He warned that "we still hear and read Zionist ideas and schemes which speak about Jordan as a substitute homeland for the Palestinians," and urged vigilance "to abort the schemes of aggression."

# Iraq detains nurse linked to reporter

LONDON, Oct 8. (Reuter): Iraq has told Britain that it has detained a British nurse in connection with the activities of a British-based journalist arrested last month, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

A spokesman said Daphne Parish, 45, was arrested on September 19 while working in a private hospital in Baghdad.

The Iraqi authorities, who have so far refused to grant British consular officials access to Parish, told Britain her detention was linked to the arrest on Sept 15 of Farzat Bazoft, a journalist with the Observer newspaper.

"We have been pressing since then at regular intervals to get consular access to

her. No charges have been made but we've been told she's been detained in connection with the activities of the Observer journalist," the spokesman said.

The Observer said last month that Bazoft, an Iranian who lives in Britain, covered elections in Kurdistan and then went to the Al Iskandaria area south of

Baghdad to investigate reports of a huge explosion.

British press reports, quoting US and Middle East sources, said 700 people died in a blast at a military establishment. Baghdad denied the reports, saying the explosion was at a petrol depot and 19 people were killed.

## Only US can break Mideast deadlock

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 8. (Agencies): Israeli officials said today only the United States could break a Middle East peace stalemate after Israel rejected an Egyptian invitation to direct talks with Palestinians.

But newspapers doubted whether Washington would intervene.

Israel sealed off the occupied territories for the 25-hour Yom Kippur fast, the Jewish day of atonement, beginning at sunset today. Palestinians observed a general strike to mark 22 months since the start of their uprising.

Avi Pazner, media adviser to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, said the next diplomatic move belonged to the United States, Israel's closest ally, after the 12-member inner cabinet split down the middle on Friday to turn down Egypt's invitation.

Israel, in constant contact with Washington, still hoped that Secretary of State James Baker would formally offer to hold preliminary US-Israel-Egyptian talks on the composition of a Palestinian delegation for negotiations, he said.

"We will have to see what will be the next American step which may come after Yom Kippur. It's not yet a crisis and we have to do our utmost to see that it doesn't become a crisis," Pazner told Reuters.

"I think he (Baker) wants certainly to do it in agreement with, or at least in understanding with, the Egyptians. Maybe he wants not to send a letter but to send somebody else (to the Middle East)."

Pazner said Israel might also talk to Egypt, its only Arab peace partner, in an attempt to break the deadlock. "There are certainly other avenues which we want to explore," he said.

Shamir led hardline Likud ministers in blocking Cairo's invitation, which was backed by the more dovish Labour Party. The vote ended in a 6-6 tie — a defeat under cabinet rules.

Likud, the senior member in the national unity government, feared outright acceptance would lead to indirect talks with the PLO on ceding occupied land.

Israel officially regards the PLO as a terrorist group bent on destroying the Jewish state.

Israeli political analysts said the Americans hoped to breathe life into Israel's five-month-old proposal for Palestinian elections but they surmised that Baker was determined to avoid a repeat of past failures in the region.

The Jerusalem Post urged Washington to follow examples set by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who negotiated a disengagement after the Middle East war 16 years ago, and by former President Jimmy Carter, who brokered peace with Egypt.

Other Israeli dailies, explaining Baker's caution, cited previous US failures including a 1982 plan by former President Reagan and an initiative last year by former Secretary of State George Shultz. Both died for lack of Likud support.

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Self-defence techniques

Egyptian Special Forces Commandos display self-defence techniques at a military parade in Cairo to mark the 16th anniversary of the 1973 October war. (Reuter wirephoto)

## PLO helps in UTA probe

Abu Iyad suspects Iranians

PARIS, Oct 8. (Reuter): The number two man in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) told a French Sunday newspaper an Iranian group was suspected of blowing up a French DC-10 over the Sahara last month, killing all 171 people aboard.

Salah Khalaf, known as Abu Iyad, said the PLO intelligence services which he commands were helping French security probe the destruction of the airliner on September 19.

In an interview with Le Journal du Dimanche, Iyad was asked whether he thought the anti-PLO Palestinian dissident Ahmed Jibril was responsible, as some French media reports quoting official sources have suggested.

"At the moment there is no clear evidence to incriminate Jibril, either in the possession of the Americans or of the French or in our own.

"However, certain information permits one to suspect Iranian elements which co-operate technically with Jibril," Iyad said.

French officials and the UTA (Union des Transports Aériens) airline say they are certain the explosives were smuggled into the forward baggage hold at the Congolese capital Brazzaville.

Fight 777 blew up over the Sahara desert in Niger after taking off from a stopover in Chad on its way to Paris.

Anonymous telephone callers in various capitals have claimed responsibility but French investigators have not indicated which, if any, they are taking seriously.

Jibril's Damascus-based group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), has repeatedly denied any involvement.

Abu Iyad, who was interviewed in Tunis, confirmed

med reports the Jibril's faction had strengthened ties with the hardline Hezbollah group in Lebanon who are close to the former Iranian Interior Minister Ali Akbar Moushami.

"Yes, it's true. It goes back a few months and in fact Jibril has been in Tehran for the past few days. I can even let you into a secret — he's growing a beard," joked Iyad. The newspaper did not say when the interview took place.

But Iyad cast doubt on theories in the French media that Syria was behind the UTA disaster as a way of punishing France for its Lebanon initiatives.

"The Syrians are intelligent people. They never get directly involved in this sort of business although it would not happen without their knowledge," he said.

The Syrians and their Lebanese allies were furious when France sent a naval fleet to the eastern Mediterranean in August at the height of fighting in Beirut. They accused Paris of supporting Christian forces.

Abu Iyad today was quoted in Kuwait as warning against Israel's obstinacy towards finding a solution to the Palestinian question.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, Khalaf said that the United States does not put enough pressure on its main ally in the Middle East to change its obstinate stance.

He added that Israel doesn't want to reach a solution at the present, and the US for its part is not trying enough to make Israel change its stance based on dissolving the PLO and the right to self-determination as well as the Palestinian right to return to their homeland.

He affirmed that the continuation of the Lebanese crisis reflects negatively on the Palestinian cause.

## Germans help Libya make BM

LONDON, Oct 8. (AP): West German technicians are helping Libya develop a ballistic missile that could hit North African and Mediterranean targets, according to a report today in a London weekly.

The Sunday correspondent, quoting unspecified US failures including a 1982 plan by former President Reagan and an initiative last year by former Secretary of State George Shultz. Both died for lack of Likud support.

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The weekly said the projected Libyan missile could carry chemical weapons as well as conventional warheads and that Libya "had West German help in setting up a nerve gas plant at Sabha."

It said the US and West German governments "had a public row this year over the role of a West German firm, Imhausen-Chemie, in building" the plant at Rabta.

The messages also urged to ease the task of the Arab tripartite committee.

The Saudi monarch affirmed that the aim of the Taif's meeting is at the first place the interest of

## Past fears loom over Taif talks

TAIF, Oct 8. (Reuter): A deadlock in talks on Lebanon's future reflects a long-standing clash between fears of Christians that they may be overwhelmed by the Muslim majority and a Muslim sense of injustice at Christian domination.

Sixty-two members of the Lebanese Parliament, divided equally between Christians and Muslims, have been meeting in the quiet of the Saudi resort of Taif for nine days trying to work out a peace agreement to end 14 years of civil war.

They are in reality playing out a battle dating back to the first years of independence from France in the 1940s and probably earlier.

"Some say they came to Taif afraid and some say they came with grievances. We have to remove those grievances," Congress Saadeh, leader of the Christian right-wing Lebanon front, told a news conference yesterday.

Lebanon's Christian community, and especially the majority Maronites, a Catholic sect, are unusual in the Middle East in that they were cohesive enough historically to aspire to political power in an ocean of Muslims.

With the support of French colonial authorities, they carved the state of greater Lebanon out of the pre-World War One Ottoman province of Syria in the belief that they could hang on to the highest offices in the new state indefinitely.

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Last year trade between the two countries reached \$600 million. But Iranian authorities have said that figure could "increase sharply" following the ceasefire.

## 'Bigs not serious in Gulf peace'

NICOSIA, Oct 8. (AP): Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani told Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen today that the major powers and Iraq are "not serious" in seeking peace in the Gulf, Tehran radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said that Qian praised Tehran's efforts to secure a permanent peace in the 3-year with Iraq that was halted on Aug 20 last year when a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect.

But peace talks that began five days later have stalled, with both sides blaming the other for the deadlock.

During today's meeting, also attended by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, Rafsanjani accused Baghdad of blocking progress, the radio said.

He quoted him as saying that Tehran believes "the Iraqi regime and the big powers are not serious in carrying out their responsibilities with regard to" implementing UN Security Council Resolution 598.

"Even the United Nations and the Security Council do not have the necessary willingness to implement the resolution," the radio quoted him as saying.

In a meeting with Velayati yesterday, Qian said that as a permanent member of the Security Council, China would like to do its share to bring permanent peace to the region.

China was one of Iran's main arms suppliers during the war, when Tehran faced an arms embargo by the United States and other Western countries.

On an official visit to Beijing in 1985, Rafsanjani is believed to have signed a major defence agreement.

Then Iran's Parliament Speaker, Rafsanjani headed a 100-strong delegation to Beijing and met with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping.

During the war, China supplied Iran with missiles, tanks and jet fighters, US intelligence officials have said.

In his meeting with Qian, Rafsanjani stressed strengthening Tehran-Beijing ties and expanding relations in all fields, the radio said.

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Divisions among Polisario guerrillas and an imminent vote in the United Nations are the main reasons behind the biggest and fiercest battle in disputed Western Sahara for more than a year, diplomatic sources said today.

**Talks on Mideast**

Mikhail Gorbachev and Yasser Arafat agree on the necessity of a rapid global undertaking to end violence in the Israeli-occupied territories, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported in Tunis.

Arafat, chairman of the PLO, met the Soviet leader in East Berlin during yesterday's violence-marred ceremony.

**Fouladi to see Cooper**

## Iranian treated badly

NICOSIA, Oct 8. (AP): An Iranian deported by Britain to Tehran after serving a 10-year prison term for a bombing has been granted permission to visit Roger Cooper, a Briton jailed in Iran on spying charges, Tehran Radio reported yesterday.

The broadcast, said that Kouroush Fouladi asked to meet Cooper

## EVENTS



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## WHAT'S ON

## SOCIAL

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

**Breeze 89**  
Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casmir or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

**Moods & Melody**  
"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts Sheba Sound.

**SHEBA Sound**  
SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8:00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

**Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmad**

Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

**Bengali Cultural Society**  
Bengali Cultural Society celebrates Bijoya on 12th October. For details contact 4315561, 5613014, 5617036.

**Kalpak's drama competition**  
KERALA Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is organising a Malayan drama competition at Indian Arts Circle on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will be considered for the competition. Prizes will be awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction, stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir Award) best actress and best child artist, from the selected entries.

Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Mr Varghese Parayail, POB 47, 13001 Safat, Kuwait, no later than 31st Oct 1989.

For more details pls contact Varghese (Tel: 5635481), Kurien (Tel: 5658072) or Balakrishnan (Tel: 4316737).

**Carnatic Music**  
THERE will be a Music Performance by Maharaajapuram Santhanam on October 17, 1989. For your reservations contact Tel: 5627718 or 561230 or 5612114.

**Sir Syed Day**  
Aligarh Muslim University old boys will celebrate Sir Syed Day on 26th October at 8 p.m. at SAS Hotel.

**Competitions for all**  
participating children will be held in various categories in fancy dress, painting, general and Islamic knowledge etc. Please contact Farid Chowdhury (Tel: 4842037/5632585), Zahoorullah Shah (5637479/4891275) Salman Siddiqui (3923393).

**Boys own club**  
Boys own club are happy to announce that they will organise their one day seven a side football festival on 12th of Oct. 1989 at Al Sour ground. The draw will be held at 6.30 am on the same day and the matches will start at 7 am sharp. This tournament has been sponsored by M/s Kuwaiti British Readymix Company.

Teams wishing to enter this tournament can contact Joe

D'Souza on Tel No. 4813622/25 ext. 147.

## Danish meeting

Oct 19, 7 pm. Daniella starts social season with "Grillefeast" (BBQ Evening) at the Gazele Club. For reservations please call Karen-Marie Tel: 3715146 or Winnie — Tel: 5733382 before Oct 17.

## Milad Mahfil

THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait will hold a Milad Mahfil to observe Eid-e-Miladunababi on Thursday, Oct 12 at 4.30 pm at the embassy premises. All Bangladeshis are invited.

## British Council

**HEAVENLY Pursuits:** Saturday, Oct 14 and Sunday, Oct 15 at 6.30 pm (91 min.). This is a gentle comedy which deals quietly, affectionately and sensitively with some controversial issues: faith versus science, belief versus scepticism, miracles versus the potential of men to rise above their circumstances. The acting is excellent and the photography reveals a whole new side of Glasgow. It is enjoyable, interesting and leaves one feeling good when the credits roll.

**Lecture — The British MBA:** There will be a lecture in the British Council Gallery at 6.00 pm on Monday, Oct 9 on the subject of the Master of Business Administration degree in Britain. There will be information on institutions offering accredited full-time courses, details of entrance requirements, the cost of tuition fees and much more!

**Woody Woodpecker and His Friends:** Wednesday, Oct 18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 18 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buss Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

Free admission but please book seats by calling: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.

**Messilah Beach Hotel**

HALLOWEEN Party to be

held at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 31, 1989. For booking contact Recreation Office at 5624111 Ext. 751/739.

## Bharat Meela

OCT 13: Bharat Meela '89, organised by UMO, continues on Oct 13 at the Indian embassy auditorium. The programme is as follows: 9 am — inter-school children's programme; 3 pm — symposium on "Democratic Socialism and Nehru"; 6 pm — a fancy dress competition for children. All are welcome.

## Kuwait Cultural Centre

NEW courses at the cultural centre: yogic healing classes, two sessions in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays; jujutsu (martial arts), Saturday and Mondays, pm; Chinese cooking classes, Saturdays, 9-11 am. For details call 5624393.

## Barefoot in the Park

THE Kuwait Players open their 1989/90 season with the comedy "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon. Directed by Ken Winston & produced by Glennie Muckle, the show opens with a gala performance on Oct 31, 1989 at 9 pm in the Mousetrap Theatre at the New English School. Tickets for the gala night performance at KD 4.00 each, which includes a light buffet after the show.

Tickets for other performances on Nov 1, 2, 3 and 4 are KD 3.000 each. Reservations can be made by ringing 3903475.

## Pakistan Peoples Club

THE Pakistan Peoples Club will hold a Milad Mahfil to observe Eid-e-Milad on Thursday Oct 12 at 1600 hrs at the residence of Nazier Dogar, it was announced by Dr Riaz Ahmed Mahees. All new and old members are invited.

## Deep Dewali

OCT 19, at 7.00 pm: Indian Arts Circle, Funaities. Organised by Sataqa, a musical evening with dances, songs and a brief comedy drama, to celebrate the festival of lights — Deepawali. For invitation cards, contact: Rajpal Tyagi, 5623545; Pushpender Sharma, 5620810.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran

9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

9.50 Around The World: Cartoon Serial

10.05 Magazine D'Actualite

10.20 Shay Ismoh Al Hob: Arabic Serial (Part 8)

11.20 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

11.35 United Arab Emirates Popular Arts: Variety Programme (Part 2)

12.20 Sabah Al Khair News

12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran

4.15 The World Today via Satellite

4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalathah: Cartoon Serial (Part 9)

5.15 Children and Summer: Children Programme, presented by Mama Aneesa.

6.00 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements

6.15 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods:

## CINEMA

## NIGHT CHANNEL

## KTV 2

## 6.00 Opening Announcement &amp; Holy Quran

6.10 The Little Rascals: A cartoon series for children

6.15 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods:



Studio 5-B, 9:00 pm: KTV-2

the morning TV talk-show becomes further complicated after the killing of the criminal by the girl's father.

10.00 Better ... Days "Cheaters," "Bryan" finds out that grammar is a difficult subject and he is unable to cheat like other students.

10.30 Jake and The Fatman: "I'll Never Smile Again" Thompson is stabbed by a knife while another man is shot dead. Jake and his boss has to start their investigations...

11.30 News in Brief

11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

## Kuwait

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## Sheba

## Sound

THE recent successful visit to Kuwait of the Vienna Boys Choir has hopefully whetted the appetite of classical music lovers.

Next week there is an opportunity to further add to your pleasure with the visit of Sheba Sound, a classical wind quartet accompanied by a harpsichord. Their music ranges from 17th century Elizabeth to modern jazz and pop played in the classical style. It is their first visit to the Middle East and they are greatly looking forward to playing in front of a new audience.

There are two concerts planned, the first at the Mousetrap Theatre on Saturday October 14, at 8 pm. Price KD4/- and the second at the Messilah Beach Hotel, where a four course dinner and concert costs only KD9/-.

Please ring 5382099 to book your tickets.

along the Gulf coastline. For bookings, please call up 5657000 ext 416.

**AL BOOM:** Come on board Al Boom and have a feast. Try our freshly baked Arabic bread, extensive mezzan buffet and wide selections of grilled items or take your pick from our daily Al Boom specials. Take your della, coffee and relax at the diwania or enjoy a puff at the hubble bubble pipe. For reservations, please call up 5657000 ext. 403 and 540.

**PEACOCK ROOM:** visit the Far East with SAS, visit our Peacock Room. Offers wide varieties of delectable Chinese specialities. Open for lunch and dinner daily. For reservations pls call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

**BISTRETTO:** Have a taste of Italy. Visit the Bistretto, SAS hotel's specialty restaurant. Offers great tasting pastas, pizzas and other Italian favourites. Continental and international are also available. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We also have brunch every Friday.

**THE COFFEE SHOP:** A variety of continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.00 per Pax and half price for children.

**AL ANDALUS:** Thursday, Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

**FAMILY BRUNCH:** Friday, a wholesome day for the children. Bring along your kid and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters and magic by the great magician. Prizes and surprises await each kid. Price KD5.00 for adults and half per child.

**THE SWIMMING POOL:** From 8.30 pm have a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue, music, games, prizes and surprises await each one. Bring your family 'n friends 'navour our delicious Sharazad barbecue at KD5.50 per Pax and KD2.750 per child.

**SAS**  
**AL GHAEZER:** Take the unique opportunity and experience the old Kuwaiti seafaring traditions. Have an exhilarating trip on our superb dhow "Al Ghaezir." Available for full day and half day trip

## SPORTS

**Dunhill Bridge**  
THE Dunhill Bridge tour-

name 1989-90 begins on October 2 at the Messilah Beach Hotel. It will stretch over 17 weeks, time being 7.45pm every Monday. The best 9 scores will be considered and there are lots of prizes to be won.

**Kuwait Players**  
Kuwait Players now auditioning for an extremely funny comedy/face (to be staged in Nov). Auditions at Messilah Beach Hotel Al Foz Room on Saturday Sept 30 from 7.15 pm. Why not give it a whirl? Ring 56215896 for more information.

**Aerobics**  
Aerobics with Chris Hill at the Messilah Beach Hotel.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Gloomy forecast for nuclear energy

By Sonny Abraham  
Arab Times staff

THE foreseeable future does not appear to be too bright for nuclear power, thanks to a general decrease of interest in this form of energy.

Among developed countries, only France, Japan and the United Kingdom are still keenly interested in nuclear energy, while the developing nations suffer from financial, technological and political constraints, an Opec report said.

The report said nuclear power was facing environmental, economic and political difficulties. Discussions on the subject centre not only on the waste problem, but also on the economics of nuclear power generation in comparison with other sources of energy, such as gas and coal.

As a result, Italy has decided to shut down its reactors and replace them with gas-fired thermal stations. Sweden has planned to phase out nuclear power entirely by the year 2010, starting with the closure of two reactors in 1996.

According to the report, Switzerland is unable to proceed with a project for a new reactor because of the results of a popular referendum. The USSR has postponed its nuclear programme and decreased the number of reactors due to be installed in its five-year plan ending 1990.

Apart from the decision to shut down two reactors after the recent earthquake in Armenia, the USSR has also cancelled five new nuclear plants on which work had already begun in response to public concern over the Chernobyl accident in 1986.

Opec has estimated the number of active reactors in the world at the end of 1988 at 436, with a total installed capacity of 318 gigawatts. While 20 new reactors are put into operation in 1987, another nine were added in the first half of 1988. It was forecast that another ten would start working during the second half of that year.

Of the 417 nuclear power reactors in operation around the world at the end of 1987, as many as 106 were in the United States, 56 in the USSR, 53 in France, 38 in the United Kingdom and 36 in Japan.

Nearly 70 percent of France's total energy generation was being met from nuclear sources at the end of 1987. It was nearly 60 per cent in the case of Taiwan, 33.5 per cent in South Korea and 66 per cent in Belgium, the report said.

The report also said that no new discoveries of conventional uranium reserves were reported in the Arab countries in 1987. Such reserves are still limited to Algeria and Somalia, which remain unexploited for technical and economic reasons.

New discoveries of phosphates in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the Western Desert of Egypt has increased non-conventional reserves of uranium in the Arab world. But the technology for recovering uranium from phosphates is expensive and not economically feasible at current uranium prices. All the same, Morocco and Egypt were seriously considering uranium recovery from phosphates, the report said.

World uranium production outside the centrally planned economies (CPEs) decreased from 95.9 million pounds in 1986 to 94.9 million pounds in 1987. Canada is the world's leading producer, with a production level of 32.3 million pounds in 1988, or 34 percent of the total production outside the CPEs, followed by the United States and South Africa.

Uranium prices continued to decrease from \$27 per pound in 1985 to \$25 in 1986 and only \$23 in 1987, the report added.

## ASCA elected to Isar

TALAL Abu-Ghazaleh, the President of the Arab Society of Certified Accountants (ASCA), has announced that ASCA (Jordan) has been elected to become the only Arab member of the intergovernmental working group of experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (Isar) IFRS body.

Confirmation of ASCA's election was received from London Ruffo, Secretary of Isar, according to Abu-Ghazaleh who will be representing ASCA at this important world forum.

Isar is the international accounting body established in 1982 by a resolution of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The main object of the group is to promote the international harmonisation of corporate accounting and reporting practices. In addition, Isar strives to serve as an international body for the consideration of issues of accounting and reporting by transnational corporations; make a positive contribution to national and regional standard-setting; take into account the interests of developing countries in the field of information disclosure.

The group is serviced by the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (UNCTC) and reports to the Commission on Transnational Corporations, a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council.

Isar's present membership stands at 26 representatives from all over the world.

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

INTERNATIONAL banks are staging a come-back to the Gulf region with a series of loans, demonstrating renewed confidence in local economies, while local banks complain about the shortage of good projects to invest in, financial experts have said.

Speaking on the sidelines of a conference on globalisation of financial markets, currently held in Kuwait, chairman of the Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corporation Dr Khaled Al Fayed said international banks resumed lending to the area in 1987.

"There is no reluctance by international banks to participate in loans, which means there is visible business in the area," Fayed said.

Illustrating his point he said European and American banks participated in a syndicated loan to Gulf Air, the airline owned by four Gulf states, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the UAE.

"This region is a developing area and it lags behind markets with a sophisticated legal system," he said.

Another Gulf banker who wished to remain anonymous said the banking system in the area is affected by Islamic laws. "Even if it does not have to accommodate Islamic laws the system has to accommodate people behind them," he said.

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prices set in. Confidence in the Kuwaiti market and banks was further undermined with the collapse of the unofficial stock market in 1982. But it was the successful handling of its economic woes that restored the international community's confidence in the region, said Medhat Tawfiq of Kuwait's Gulf Bank.

However Dr Henry Azam of the Bahrain-based Gulf International Bank contended that foreign banks interest in the region is limited.

The banks which maintain a presence in the Gulf use their offices mainly to serve corporates back home or to find funds for investment abroad, he said.

They are reluctant to do business on a large scale locally because Gulf states lack a comprehensive set of rules and the legal structure to support the banking system.

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Sheikh Salem

Although the region's banks have extended their product list there is still reluctance to lend, some bankers have noted.

But Azam claims that banks are reluctant to take risks because there are no good subsidies to take.

"If a client seeks 90 per cent funding for a business venture

"The Arab banks are geared to lend to blue chips companies but these are already well served," he stressed.

He urged the banks to expand their services and named retail and investment banking and evaluation of risk as areas of priority. If developed these capabilities will serve them well in markets other than the Gulf, he said.

As they stand now the Arab banks operating in Europe by poorest countries for their debts as well as part of the principal. He also called for an international conference on resolving the international debt crisis.

Top Kuwaiti officials urged major industrialised nations to play a key role in resolving the debt problem of the Third World.

Abdul Rahman Al Atiqi, adviser of HH the Amir and a former Oil and Finance Minister, accused the industrialised nations of "fraudulence" and warned that the "political aspect" of debt was being overlooked.

Atiqi was addressing a symposium attended by some 400 prominent economists and bankers from the United States, Britain and the Gulf Co-operation Council.

Market solutions to the international debt crisis is one of the topics being discussed at the symposium debating the impact of globalization of markets on the GCC countries.

"What the creditor rich countries are proposing for resolving the debt crisis is nothing more than fraudulence aimed at shackling the states of the Third World and absorbing their resources," Atiqi said.

"The rich countries did not grant loans to poor developing countries out of compassionate motives, but rather for winning them as subservient states that rotate in their

orbits, to become markets for their goods and test fields for their weapons of destruction," he added.

HH the Amir has launched an initiative for alleviating the indebtedness problem of the Third World, which Atiqi outlined as more favourable.

The Amir proposed at the UN General Assembly last year writing off interest paid by poorest countries for their debts as well as part of the principal. He also called for an international conference on resolving the international debt crisis.

It is highly important to work toward urgent and radical solutions to this problem. The major industrialised nations should play a key role in this respect," said Sheikh Salem Abdel Aziz Al Sabah, Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait, who addressed the symposium on the same topic.

Sheikh Salem said "many initiatives have been launched to try and ease the debt burden, but a solution to the problem has yet to be found."

"From my point of view, each country has a different situation and considerable flexibility and ingenuity will be needed to achieve results," he said.

Former US Treasury Secretary James Brady proposed a long-term approach and new ways to help debtors in getting out of the crisis but it was received with far more criticism than praise, conference sources said.

Sheikh Salem said "the banking world has not been inactive in facing up to the problem. The banks took a number of measures that enabled them to grow out of the problem including debt-equity swaps,

debt-for-debt swaps, exit bonds and cash buybacks."

Sheikh Salem said Third World debts were estimated by the end of 1988 at about \$1239.7 billion, of which 60 per cent are owed to commercial banks. He said the volume of these debts is expected to stand the end of this year at \$1279 billion, and at \$136.6 billion by late 1990.

Sheikh Salem said that for the last five years, commercial banks had been reluctant to offer new loans to developing countries, which have to pay interest much higher in volume than the fresh cash inflows.

"Eventually," he pointed out, "developing countries had to face a shortage in financing of new development schemes."

Sheikh Salem indicated that financial markets had succeeded in developing means to tackle the problem of debts and interests such as trading of debts for property rights, turning the debt into an exchangeable security bill and re-sale of debt.

On the position of the six GCC states on world debts, the banking executive said that during the past decade, many Gulf banks and financial institutions had loaned developing countries, raised the required allocations and secured the necessary cover.

Some had rescheduled their debts with indebted countries and others had already sold these debts, he added.

The Central Bank governor pointed out that some Arab countries are burdened by considerable debts and that the average servicing of debts is much higher in some cases than the most debt-ridden Latin American countries as Argentina and Mexico.

## Arabs urged to look deeper for more oil

Oapec to hold energy co-operation talks with EEC

ABU DHABI, Oct 8, (AP): Arab petroleum-producing countries were urged by experts today to increase exploration in order to boost reserves and prevent shortages next century.

Present Arab oil reserves plus recoverable reserves and anticipated discoveries can satisfy oil demand until 2020, said Abdul Aziz Al Wattari, assistant secretary-general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"But a gap between supply and demand will then occur unless new reserves are discovered to help meet the accelerating demand for energy from hydrocarbons," Wattari said in an inaugural speech of a four-day seminar in Abu Dhabi.

The four-day seminar on "Deep formations in the Arab countries: hydrocarbon potential and exploration techniques" is the first of its kind in the Gulf and was organised by Oapec and the Abu Dhabi National Oil Co.

Most of the Arab countries are producing oil from formations less than 3,000 metres (10,000 feet) in depth, Wattari said.

"The probability of finding oil

in formations deeper than 4,000 metres hinges on tectonic developments and the temperature history of the sedimentary basins," he said.

Tectonic developments are changes in the structure of the earth's crust over long periods of time.

Petroleum was formed millions of years ago when the fats and waxes of dead planktonic plants and animals accumulated on the bottom of seas and large lakes, where they were covered by sand and clay sediments and turned into liquid and gas by intense pressure.

Wattari told over 70 participants that world energy consumption has been increasing in recent years and was expected to continue rising in the coming years.

"Increases in oil production and reserves should match that. And some oil experts forecast that oil production will peak at 75 million barrels per day in the year 2010," he said. World oil output is currently 62 million barrels of which the Arab world accounts for roughly 18 million BPD.

The meeting at the European Economic Community's headquarters in Brussels will be the second of its kind in a decade, said Al Wattari.

The organisation groups the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Iraq, Syria,

Egypt, Algeria, Libya and Tunisia.

Among the Oapec states are five members of the six Gulf Co-operation Council, which has been trying to persuade the EEC to lift duties on petrochemical exports under a trade co-operation pact.

The GCC is also in contact with the EEC to assess the impact of the single European market coming into force in 1992 on their relations, particularly on Gulf overseas investments.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE, along with Oman which is not a member of Oapec, account for a quarter of the world oil output and 45 per cent of global oil reserves.

Combined oil reserves of Oapec states stood at 589.9 billion barrels at the end of 1988 and natural gas reserves were 24,300 billion cubic metres.

Seven Oapec states double as members within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which also recently initiated contacts with the EEC on co-operation in stabilizing world oil prices.

from running the former Eastern shuttle for three months.

AMR hasn't paid dividends since 1980, but Crandall's standing in the industry is unassailable: he originated the frequent-flier programme and the computer reservations system that assures high market share.

Some analysts say Trump isn't ready for the hard fight AMR can put up with its \$1.3 billion-plus war chest.

Wall Street was optimistic and in a buying mood, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average up 40.84 points on Tuesday to a record 2754.56, and to new highs Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The market surge came as somewhat of a surprise. Many analysts were expecting a correction, or dip, in stock prices in reaction to poor third-quarter results. But institutional money managers evidently felt the market had borne up well and was now due for a rise.

Analysts said Friday's rally was paradoxically due to the announced rise in unemployment, which in investors' eyes increased the likelihood the Federal Reserve might ease credit to stimulate growth.

One big exception to the upward trend: market leader IBM, whose stock lost \$2.265 during the Tuesday rally. Analysts say big blue could be nudged aside as Wall Street's pacesetter by another corporate champion.

The dollar has been frustrating the best efforts of the group of seven major industrial democracies to rein it in, keeping most of its value against the benchmark West German mark and Japanese yen despite repeated and heavy rounds of co-ordinated intervention since Sept 25.

G-7 officials say a weak dollar would help reduce the ballooning US trade deficit and West German and Japanese surpluses. But the greenback has been pretty much unfazed by their co-ordinated dollar-selling.

West Germany escalated its efforts by raising the key discount and Lombard interest rates by one percentage point when everyone had been looking for a 0.5 percentage-point hike.

Iran to help Zambia in oil hunt

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct 8, (AP): Iran's oil minister said today that Tehran may soon send a team of experts to Zambia to help that African country with its oil exploration, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

A Zambian delegation headed by Prime Minister Malimba Masesha Aqazadeh, today expressed willingness to purchase Iranian oil and seek assistance in oil exploration, Ira reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, gave no details.

The Iranians, a major oil producer for decades, have offered to help a number of Third World countries develop oil in upstream oil operations.

Masesha met with Iran's Defence Minister, Akbar Torkan, yesterday, Ira reported.

Tehran radio, also monitored in Nicosia, reported yesterday that a team of Iranian experts will be dispatched to Lusaka in the near future to discuss co-operation in mining and marketing copper.

Ira signed a string of economic agreements with Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Kenya.

The agreement underline Iran's efforts to forge new links with developing countries in line with its aim of becoming the champion of the Third World.

Ira has signed a string of economic agreements with a number of African countries recently.

In July Ira set up a regular shipping line between Ira and the East African states.

## Business with pleasure

Lord Coleridge visits Kuwait

THIS week saw the arrival in Kuwait of Lord Coleridge who is the overseas director for the International Tour Company Abercrombie and Kent. When interviewed at the end of his visit Lord Coleridge said

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### Can Western-style economics cure the ills of Poland's economy?

LONDON, Oct 8, (Reuter): Western governments which applauded Poland for trying to break free from the shackles of 45 years of centrally-planned communist economics are both impressed and alarmed as Warsaw tries to turn words into deeds.

When Leszek Balcerowicz, Poland's new finance minister, knocked on the doors of top Western officials in Washington last week, few were prepared for the mixture of blunt talking and radical economic reform they heard.

A week later, Western government and private economists say they are still full of admiration for the Solidarity-led government's plans to use-free market economic thinking.

They are impressed by the determination of the new economic team to push for an

unprecedented transition to a Western-style free market economy and open the doors to private enterprise.

But they are worried that the breakneck timetable for reform could lead to dislocations in an economy crippled by inflation. True reform, some fear, may not be politically feasible.

"My gut feeling is that the Poles will succeed," said Jacek Rostowski, economist at the University of London's school of Slavonic and East European studies. "At least the programme has a better chance of working than anything else."

Western evaluation of the economic blueprint will be crucial in coming weeks as leaders of the economic blueprint will be crucial in coming weeks as leaders decide how to react to Balcerowicz' appeal at last week's International Monetary

Fund (IMF) annual meeting in Washington for up to \$2.7 billion of backing.

So far the response has been to demand economic reform first, holding out hope of new credits later. But some Western monetary officials say the sheer scale of Poland's financial problems mean reform may not succeed without cash help now.

Rostowski said failure to secure up to \$500 million of Western credits Poland is seeking to cover essential imports in the last three months of this year could push industrial production down by as much as five per cent.

An eight-page confidential memorandum distributed to the finance ministers of leading Western nations at IMF talks sets out a two-pronged strategy - emergency measures over the next three months to stop finances deteriorating further followed by

a programme of far-reaching structural reforms.

Western economists say those reforms are unprecedented, going far beyond the path embarked on by the Soviet Union or Hungary which until now have sought to introduce elements of a free market economy within the wider framework of Marxism.

From now until the end of the year, the government plans to reduce subsidies - a huge drain on the budget - and to start work on breaking the inflationary spiral of wage indexation.

Changes will be made to Poland's bankruptcy law so that companies will no longer be able to stave off collapse with state handouts. Monopolies in the food sector will be broken up.

According to the memorandum, the new government will get tough with state-controlled

firms, increasing penalty interest rates on non-payers and imposing financial discipline.

From January, a three-month plan will be introduced to abolish almost all remaining price controls.

There will be tight monetary policy to push interest rates above inflation, currently more than 200 per cent, coupled with a strict fiscal policy and major changes in the tax system. Privatisation of the industry and unification of the zloty exchange rate are also priorities.

Western economists say the reforms clearly go in the direction the IMF would like to see and could ease negotiations on a credit programme of up to \$700 million but economists also see a large number of problems.

Living standards, already below those of 10 years ago, are bound to sink further as the

removal of subsidies increases inflation and economists see a limit to how long the new government can blame the communist era for economic woes.

They question whether the government of Tadeusz Mazowiecki will go through with the philosophy of a short sharp shock following criticism from Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

"If someone finds around with prices, they do so at the expense of this government," Walesa said last week. "I warn that if there are more price rises we will not be able to keep people working normally."

Deputy Finance Minister Marek Dabrowski also indicated on Wednesday he was fully aware of the problem telling Reuters in Warsaw: "It will be a very, very difficult political situation. I have in mind strikes or political protests."

### Gulf Bank weekly market review

## KD rate firm against pound

**B**ASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was slightly lower against the US dollar ending the week at 1296.86 fils compared with its week before last closing of 1294.82 fils. The KD was higher against the pound sterling, ending the week at 477.59 fils compared with its week at before last closing of 478.47 fils. The KD was lower against the DM ending the week at 158.44 fils compared with its week before last closing of 157.30 fils. The KD was also lower against the SFR ending the week at 158.44 fils compared with its week before last closing of 157.30 fils. The KD was also lower against SFR ending the week at 182.93 fils compared with its week before last closing of 181.54 fils according to Gulf Bank weekly market review.

The KD was lower against the Jordanian Dinar ending the week at 140.23 fils compared with its week before last closing of 1427.08 fils. The KD was slightly lower against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As to the KD money market, short-term interbank offer rates traded within the same trading range of the previous week. One-month interbank rates traded over the week within 8.37 - 8.50 per cent range. While 3-months interbank rates traded within 8.50 - 8.56 per cent range compared with 8.43 - 8.56 per cent range the week before last. Rates for longer periods traded within a lower range of 8.50 - 8.56 per cent for both 6 and 12 months respectively.

### World stockmarket

Wall Street stock prices moved higher last week, underpinned by programme buying, interest in some key blue chips, and dollar strength. Also a lower than expected gain in jobs in September and a steep downward revision in August job gains helped stocks rise.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2714 points, and closed the week sharply higher at 2785, recording a gain of 92 points over the previous week's closing of 2693.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange last week moved higher in the first part of the week but weakened in the later part following the one point UK interest rate rise to 15 per cent. Fears a fall in consumer demand will hurt corporate earnings and weaker industrial investment hurt the stocks of many companies exposed to fluctuations in consumer spending. The FTSE-100 opened the week at 2287 and closed lower at 2277, recording a loss of 22 points over the previous week's closing of 2299.

### US dollar

The Dollar traded mixed over most part of the week, although it closed the week higher especially against the Yen. The latest interest rate rise by W. Germany as well as eight other European Central Banks had little impact on dampening the Dollar. And the G-7 nations (United States, Japan, W. Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada) have again seen their main weapon of currency market intervention score only limited success against the Dollar.

He said the company, which has been turned into an autonomous enterprise, has won government support to seek finance from the international money market and it is ready to pay commercial rates.

Al Safai, an engineer, was appointed last year to reform the state-run establishment and turn it into a company that is run independently by an elected board of governors.

He said the company made a profit of \$15 million last year and this year's profit could be more than double that, after the company adopted new methods in management and engineering.

The company has carried more than 1 million passengers in 1989, 25 per cent more than last year, Al Safai said.

Iraqi Airways is one of the oldest national carriers in the Middle East and despite its modest fleet of 14 Boeing aircraft, it has been eager to expand its routes since the August 1988 bombing of the Gulf war.

Earlier this year, Al Safai said Iraqi Airways was considering buying American-made Boeing 767s or European-made Airbus A-310s or A-320s to replace ageing Boeing 707, 737 and 747 aircraft.

He said the company also has studied bids from McDonnell Douglas Corp. for its DC-10 aircraft.

Aviation experts in the area agreed the Boeing 767 is most likely candidate, partly because Iraq already has Boeings and built a large maintenance facility for this kind of aircraft.

Salam said one of the company's key assets was the trust shown by international banks and aircraft manufacturers.

"Banks have faith in MEA more than our citizens. They trust us because we have proved our credibility over the years."

"Our secret lies in the solidarity of staff and management. We stick together during the difficult times," he said.

### French franc

The French franc opened the week against the US\$ at 1.6290/55 SFR and closed the week lower at 1.6385/95 Marks compared to its previous week's closing of 1.8725/55 Marks.

Bundesbank's decision last week to raise interest rate has been very much expected in the market. The Central bank raised its discount and Lombard rate by a full 1 point to 6 per cent and 8 per cent respectively. The decision was made for two main reasons, to cap W. German inflation and to help support the Mark. However, the interest rate rise gave the Mark only limited support since the Mark stayed relatively weak.

### Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US\$ at 1.6290/55 SFR and closed lower at 1.6420/30 SFR compared to its before last closing of 1.6210/20 SFR. Current account surplus narrowed to 1.5 bn SFR in 2089 from 4.2 bn SFR in 1089. The Swiss National Bank (SNB) said the narrower surplus reflected conflicting developments in the balance of goods and services trade.

### Precious metals

Precious metals prices moved lower over last week as the dollar remained firm. The US currency continued to make ground despite further central bank intervention to stem its rise.

Gold bullion prices opened the week at 366.25/363.50 \$/oz, and closed lower at 362.50/363.50 \$/oz, recording a loss of 3.60 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of 366.10/366.60 \$/oz.

Silver bullion prices opened the week at 5.21/5.23 \$/oz and closed lower at 5.12/5.14 \$/oz, recording a loss of 16 cents over the previous week's closing of 5.25/5.30 \$/oz.

Platinum prices opened the week at 492.50/493.50 \$/oz and closed lower at 486.48/487.50 \$/oz, recording a loss of 6.50 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of 492.50/493.50 \$/oz.

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## Sweden to expand trade ties with Riyadh

NICOSIA, Oct 8, (Reuter): Swedish Foreign Trade Minister Anita Gradin has talked in Saudi Arabia today on ways of boosting trade relations, an embassy spokesman said last night.

Gradin, who arrived in Riyadh, conferred with Saudi Commerce Minister Suliman Al Salim, the spokesman, reached by telephone from Nicosia, said.

She is scheduled to hold talks tomorrow with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saad Al Faisal and other Saudi officials on trade and political relations, he added.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, is one of Sweden's most important trading partners with last year's exports totalling 1.9 billion kronor (\$296 million). Imports were worth 537 million kronor (\$83.6 million), the official said.

He added Gradin was also due to discuss trade and political relations between her country and the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council where she meets GCC secretary-general Abdulla Bishara on Monday.

Last year, Swedish exports to GCC states — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — totalled 3.2 billion kronor (\$498.4 million).

She is expected to leave for Sanaa, North Yemen, on Tuesday, the spokesman added.

## Gold output set to rise

WASHINGTON, Oct 8, (Reuter): Gold output from the United States is projected to rise sharply in coming years and will enable the mining industry to export about 85 million grams (three million ounces) of the precious metal annually by 1992, a major trade association said yesterday.

Billions of dollars in earnings expected from these projected exports are expected to help slash a massive, rising US trade deficit, the Washington-based Gold Institute said in a new survey.

The institute represents North American and Australian gold miners, refiners, fabricators and wholesalers.

"The gold business is booming and the balance of trade impact stemming from increased production is dramatic," said John Lutley, the institute's managing director.

A big increase in output is expected to result from \$6 billion worth of investment in gold exploration and mining begun in 1982, Lutley added.

## Chamber chief meets envoy

KUWAIT, Oct 8, (Kuna): President of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdul Aziz Al Saqer today received Kuwaiti Ambassador to Italy Ahmad Ghaitah.

Bilateral trade and commercial relations and co-operation between Kuwait and Italy were discussed during the meeting.

### Economic upturn predicted

## Stock market surges on investor confidence

BAHRAIN, Oct 8, (Reuter): Saudi share prices have surged in the past six weeks, pushing the official index for the kingdom's fledgling stock market through the 100-point barrier for the first time since it was established in February 1985.

Saudi finance officials said today improving company results and a growing wave of investor confidence helped to boost the stock market index to 102.33 in the week ended October 4 from 99.63 the previous week.

The index has risen by 20 per cent in the past year and by 10 per cent in the past six weeks alone.

"This is the first time the index has risen above 100 since it was set on February 23, 1985," a spokesman for the National Centre for Financial and Economic Information (NCFEI) said.

"The increase is due to improved company performance this year, mainly by banks but also by some industrial firms," he told Reuters by telephone.

Economists said higher oil prices and the August 1988 price of the Iran-Iraq war

have helped to fuel an economic upturn in the Gulf, encouraging investors to start repatriating billions of dollars invested abroad.

The NCFEI index, representing stock in 53 companies, declined steadily during a regional recession in 1985 and 1986 but began to recover in 1987. It stood at 82.57 a year ago and rose to 93.02 in the week ended August 23, 1989.

Saudi officials said the value of shares traded on the telephone and telex market in the first week of October more than doubled to 112.57 million riyals (\$30 million) from 50.51 million (\$13.5 million) in the same period.

At the same time, the volume of business rose by a dramatic 50 per cent.

Independent analysts said that, although the rise in the index was a positive indication of the economic upturn in Saudi Arabia, it reflected only the performance of a select number of companies.

"Trading has picked up but it

is still not high in international terms. Only the shares of a handful of companies are trading actively," one analyst in the kingdom said.

One by two to three per cent of the total shares available were traded during the entire year, he said. A main reason for the low turnover was the limited number of stocks available and the time and effort required for firms to issue shares.

A decree by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) in 1985 that all trading had to be done through banks using a cumbersome system of telex and telephone calls.

Sama has since instituted reforms aimed at boosting trade, but its main move — the opening of a central trading hall in May 1987 — was abruptly cancelled because, bankers said, of objections from some merchants and religious groups.

The analyst said that of the 64 joint stock companies in the kingdom, share prices of 20 had risen in the past year while others had remained stable. The

MEA has since instituted restrictions and taxes placed on some manufactured imports were given a badly-needed boost to some local firms, the analyst said.

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"In these rough days, we try to buy time not profit. We try to prolong the age of the company,"

MEA files to most countries in Middle East, Europe and Africa. The United States banned it from New York in 1985 after the hijack of an American airliner to Beirut.

"MEA plays two vital roles: it secures Lebanon's symbolic presence around the globe, and as its employees and passengers are from

various religious and sects, it is one of the few remaining bridges between the Lebanese," said Francois Atef, the editor of An-Nahar newspaper.

Businessman Jamal Adham agreed, although he said the quality of MEA's services had declined.

"Before the war it had one of the best services in the world. During the war this changed. Their seats are not very comfortable

## Meet a neighbour



Dawlat: catering to different tastes

## Dawlat's style is captivating

### Ever confident

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

**DAWLAT SHAWQI**, the well-known public figure, is an announcer on Kuwait TV. Dawlat possesses the straight-backed strength that comes from one's knowledge and wide experience in life. She exudes a high level of confidence. This is evidenced in her continued efforts and dedication to produce better programmes on Kuwait TV. "There is nothing as stimulating as sitting in front of TV cameras and communicating with the public," she said.

The self-confident, well-groomed Dawlat, is not easily affected by criticism. Her 15 years of experience in front of cameras have provided her with a wider scope to bring out interesting programmes.

Dawlat is known for her TV Thursday variety programme "Liq'a Al Khamees" which includes live interviews with a cross-section of people talking on different topics, including songs and extracts from Arabic films.

It is very difficult to satisfy every individual due to their different cultures, education and common taste. Dawlat commented in a low tone while she leaned back, crossing legs. When I asked her about her comments on TV spectators, Dawlat candidly said: "People here scrutinise the gesture, appearance of the female TV announcer, her make-up, hair style, neglecting her performance and the contents of the programme."

Dawlat, whose marriage to the Kuwaiti TV director Abdullah Tasiq Al Awadi for the past 15 years, provides them both the opportunity of discussing various aspects of their near similar careers, added that her husband is a tower of strength, a good friend, and always patiently listens to her problems.

Dawlat's main concern is her work in TV and her family life, after work. At home she reads and discusses various issues with her husband.

A reader on diverse issues, Dawlat keeps herself tuned to developments on the international level.

"It is very important for any TV announcer to follow the latest news and read different kinds of books to enrich her knowledge". Dawlat commented. Wide knowledge can be obtained by reading. "I prefer to sit in the house and plunge into reading instead of going outside for parties," she said.

Your culture and education are an inalienable part of your character, other than the external appearance of the individual, she added.

This talented TV announcer, is 42 years old. Being a typical Capricorn, she loves her home, and is extremely sensitive.

She is a very smooth talker and

has her own strong views on how to develop her career. Dawlat holds a B.Sc. from the faculty of Commerce at Cairo University and joined Kuwait TV in 1973. "Gamefa-fright", Dawlat said, only comes to beginners, but in a few months one gets used to the cameras and studio atmosphere. Although many new TV female announcers have come to the fore within a short period of time, making for competition, this does not stop them from being close friends.

Professionally, her greatest desire is to prepare and introduce a TV programme of her own. Dawlat has a warm smile, light brown eyes, a fair complexion and dimples. Style and quality are her trademarks... She likes wearing classical suits and is fond of sewing her own clothes. She uses Eternity and First perfumes. Dawlat has a new Chevrolet Sprint car with which she is quite pleased.

She likes reading, watching movies and jogging. But she is also fond of preparing food by herself, in the kitchen. She absolutely adores any Arabic sweets that are home-made.

Her best time at home is at night where she spends hours listening to music and songs. She admires the Egyptian singer Umm Kalthoum, Farid Al Atrash and others.

When asked about her dislikes, she thought carefully and said, "I dislike females who share their time gossiping, spreading rumours, while ignoring their houses and children. It is a waste of time, each woman can develop herself instead of consuming her time with senseless chatter. I also dislike many of the newly trendy women and worthless rumours."

Dawlat dislikes people who are never satisfied with TV announcers and continuously criticise them. She disapproves of people who criticise TV announcers on papers with silly comments, which show their ignorance.

Dawlat takes criticism in her stride and does not answer back in the same critical manner, revealing high self-confidence.

Asked about her opinion of equality between men and women, Dawlat said: "Although men and women are equal in mental capacities but have physical differences, women cannot take on many jobs and opportunities."

Dawlat does not believe in marriage at a young age, as she believed that the couple is not capable of shouldering future responsibilities. This kind of marriage ends in disaster.

She also has strong views about the old habits that diminished in the present world such as trust, honesty and other human qualities.

The very active TV announcer looks for more similar qualities among people, by which any society can develop and prosper.

## BRANDO

### The legend lives

**F**IRST there's the voice: The accent impeccably British, the tone discreet, well-bred. The camera pans behind him, his immense back fills the screen. It's almost a metaphor: The man who has been turning his back on films off and for three decades is back. Marlon Brando, age 65, has returned... again.

The occasion is Andre Brink's searing tale of apartheid "A Dry White Season," which will be released in selected cities on Sept. 22. The film stars Donald Sutherland as Ben du Toit, an Afrikaans schoolteacher and supporter of the status quo who is forced to confront reality when the disappearance of his gardener's son following the Soweto Uprising necessitates him to make some routine inquiries into the matter. Janet Suzman plays Du Toit's wife and there are supporting performances by a whole slew of superb South African actors such as Zakes Mokae, as well as such European stalwarts as Jürgen Prochnow, Michael Gambon and Ronald Pickup.

But it's as Brando's comeback film that "A Dry White Season" will undoubtedly garner the headlines. And for once the attention is deserved. The actor who for so long has taken the money — huge, obscene piles of it — and given throwaway performances — as the dad of "Superman" (1978) or Martin Sheen's nemesis in "Apocalypse Now" (1979) — here gives a controlled, riveting portrayal that though barely more than a cameo steals the picture.

It's when a sensitized Sutherland seeks out Brando's Ian McKenzie, a cynical, world-weary barrister, an English South African worn down by the catch-22 charade that is South Africa's legal system ("In Sooth Afrita," McKenzie says, "everytime you win a case they change the law") that the audience comes alive.

To Palcy and Weinstein, blissfully unaware of all this, Brando was simply the actor at the top of the wish list for their film — a fantasy that came true.

"Since I learned the word movies," Weinstein confessed, "I've loved Marlon Brando. I'm a woman of that generation for whom the idea of acting, sex, men, passion and commitment were defined by Brando."

In what turned out to be a ridiculously simple procedure, given the actor's previous track record, they contacted Brando's agent and a week later Palcy, jet lagged from a return trip to her home in Paris, received a call from the actor. For over an hour they chatted entirely in French.

Palcy says he immediately put her at ease. "He knew a lot about Martinique and about Haiti, which was the subject of my first film 'Sugar Cane Alley' (1983). He made jokes with me and soon it was as if we had known each for a long time," she says. "We organised a screening of my film at Jay Kanter's house. My first sight of him was down a long corridor: this figure moving first in the shadow and then in the light wearing a heavy coat and a scarf. It was a very magic moment. We talked, we watched the movie, we had dinner. I finally left about midnight, but not before he turned to me and said, 'I'll do it and I don't want any money.'"

Weinstein remembers that night, too. "There are people — actors, politicians, writers — who wish to perpetuate their own myth. They're awkward because they think people are endowing them with stardom. I was shocked that within five minutes I was sitting on the floor eating the pate, talking to him, having a great time. There is none of that stuff in him. He is incredibly generous. He goes out of his way to make you feel easy and relaxed. You don't talk about him, you talk about politics or art or movies or you. It isn't about him. "He was ready instantly to commit to this work, because of what it's about and because of his reaction to Euzhan and to 'Sugar Cane Alley.' This was a political act for him. Marlon Brando gets \$3 million a picture. That's what he gave up. On our part he worked for scale."

When Brando showed up on the closed set at Pinewood Film Studios in England where his scenes were to be filmed, he and Palcy proceeded to create McKenzie.

"He came up with the limp," the director recalls. "He decided it was the result of bone cancer. He also believed McKenzie had an allergy and was sick all the time so he constantly sucked on lozenges. He played with the elements of the character I brought to him. There was a real exchange between us."

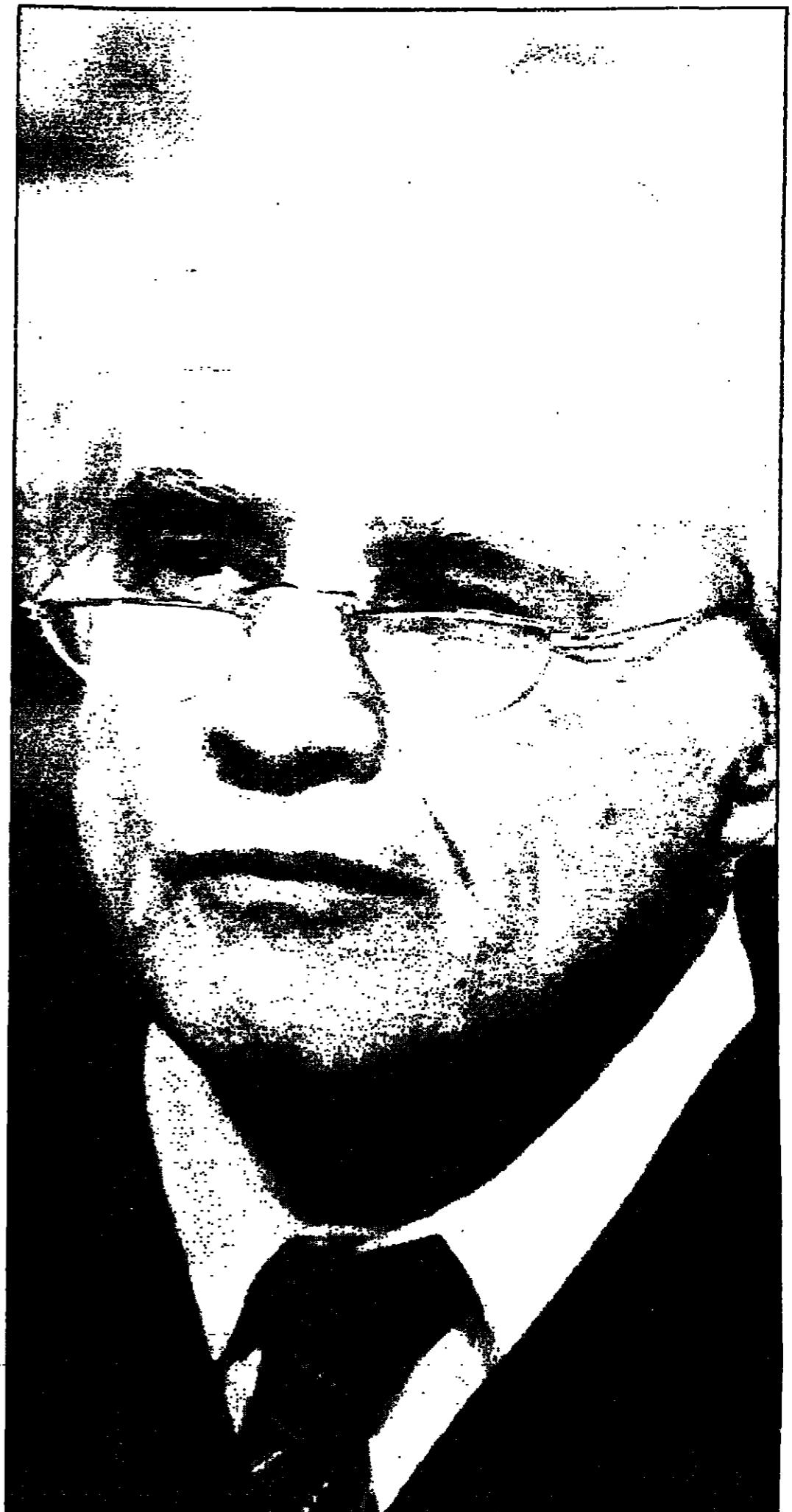
Brando has been a well-publicised scourge to legendary directors from Elia Kazan to Francis Coppola, but to the neophyte Palcy he was a pussycat.

"I was a young director making my first film in English. He'd say, 'I think the character should do this or that,' and I would say, 'I don't think that's a very good idea,' and give him my reasons. He'd say 'OK' and forget about it. He never once tried to impose his will on me. If there was so much as a line he wanted to change, he would say, 'Darling, what if I say it this way, and I'd agree or not.... then we'd discuss it and he would listen to me.'

Palcy discovered that having Brando on the movie is a drawing card to a whole slew of distinguished actors who simply want to be associated with him. British actor Michael Gambon (of the BBC series "The Singing Detective," which aired last year on PBS) came on board in the tiny role of the judge, as did Ronald Pickup to play the prosecuting attorney. These are not exactly lightweights.

For Donald Sutherland, himself no slouch in film acting, the experience was a once-in-a-lifetime too.

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Marlon Brando in 'A Dry White Season'.

### Connie angers Marlon

Marlon Brando has been quoted as making some disparaging remarks about the way his part in *A Dry White Season* was handled so Connie Chung asked him why he didn't make his own movie. "You asked him why he didn't make his own movie. You are making me very angry," Brando said in the interview, which will be aired on Saturday Night with Connie Chung. Brando said he's always wanted to make a movie about American Indians and "the manner in which we committed as a country genocide upon those people and I have been told to go take a flying you-know-what in a rolling donut."



Brando and Donald Sutherland as Ben du Toit.

## Did you know?

**Food allergies:** Allergic reactions to foods may be responsible for dizziness, hearing loss and ringing in the ears among thousands of Americans who suffer a disorder called Meniere's disease, according to a study conducted in Los Angeles.

The study of 49 patients with the inner-ear disorder was conducted by Dr. Jennifer Dernery of the House Ear Institute. The institute's president is Dr. John House, former US President Ronald Reagan's ear doctor.

The 49 underwent testing to determine their food allergies, then those were removed from their diets. Vertigo either was reduced or eliminated in 66 percent of the patients. Half experienced a decrease in ringing in their ears and several had dramatic improvements in hearing.

The foods most commonly linked to Meniere's disease were wheat, eggs, milk, corn yeast and soybeans. (AP)

**Coral virtues:** South Pacific coral that resembles human bone is helping people wear dentures more comfortably, a US dental expert says.

"When teeth are yanked out, gaps left in the bone often don't heal over smoothly but end up as jagged edges," said Dr. Paul Mentag, who teaches prosthetics at the University of Detroit school of dentistry.

"If you put a denture on top of that, it's ... like trying to walk with a stone in your shoe," said Mentag.

Hydroxyapatite, a granular, porous substance derived from coral, "acts like scaffolding around bones, prompting bone regrowth around it that fills in rough edges" if it's applied when teeth are removed, he said.

It also can help people suffering bone loss around their teeth, perhaps saving a tooth. It also improves bone healing after dental implants, he said.

"It certainly has its uses. It's chemically similar to the mineral part of the bone and is comparable to the bone," said Dr. P.L. Fan, of the American Dental Association. Fan believes the substance is new enough that it may not be commonly used, but there are no known statistics to document its usage. (AP)

**Unpopped kernels:** Food engineering students cooked up 800 pounds (360 kg) of popcorn in an effort to combat the tooth-jarring plague that

affects popcorn lovers: UPKS, also known as unpopped kernels.

"There are two basic problems that appear to cause an increase in UPKS and a decrease in popping volume: shelling of the kernel off the cob, and the moisture content of individual kernels at the time of popping," said Steven Eckhoff, a food engineer at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

During the summer, food engineering students found that unpopped kernels were most likely too moist or too dry. Large kernels at the butt of an ear of corn have the highest moisture content; small kernels near the tip have the lowest.

"It follows, then, that companies could process kernels of uniform size to decrease the number of unpopped kernels," the university said.

The researchers also found that if a kernel's outside covering is damaged when kernels are removed from the cob, steam can't build up inside the kernel and thus joins the ranks of the UPKS.

"We're looking at ways to precondition the corn to loosen the attachment of the kernel to the cob so you wouldn't need as much mechanical force," Eckhoff said. "Then you wouldn't damage the kernels so much."

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**Drugs and pregnancy:** Toddlers exposed to cocaine in the womb are shorter, have smaller heads and are more likely to have learning handicaps than children who have not been exposed, according to a study on drugs and pregnancy.

"We foresee that many of these children will end up in special education, or classes for the learning disabled," said Dr. Ira Chasnoff, the director of the Chicago-based study of 277 children, including 228 exposed to drugs. Two-thirds of the mothers used other drugs in addition to cocaine, he said.

The problems include a lack of concentration and inability to accomplish tasks easily performed by other children, concluded the study released to the National Association for Perinatal Addiction Research and Education.

The association estimates that 375,000 babies are born each year in the United States to mothers who used drugs during their pregnancy. (AP)



Zaker Mokae (left) and Donald Sutherland in one of the scenes of the film, 'A Dry White Season,' (Reuter wirephoto)

## Hollywood tradition reversed

# Blacks show the way

Even their droll and clever British lawyer, played by Brando in his first screen appearance since 1960, must rely on the township's clandestine network of lawyers and clergymen to build a case against the security police.

Brando's Hollywood stature, along with performances by such theatrical heavyweights as Sutherland, Susan Sarandon and Janet Suzman, could easily steal the show.

The film is a thriller — the bloody tale of a white schoolteacher named Ben (Sutherland) and a black car driver named Stanley (Zakes Mokae) who work together, with guns and affidavits, to nail down responsibility for the killing of a young black boy in police custody.

They operate amid a firestorm of violence and misrule in which the boy's family is slowly destroyed by South African security forces and Ben by its smug support for the political status quo.

It's important that the movie be about a white family and a white family," said producer Paula Weinstein, co-founder of the Hollywood women's political committee. "You have to have whites because apartheid is a problem of whites."

Euzhan Palcy, director of the film, based on a novel of the same name by South African writer Andre Brink, said she had wanted to make it from a completely black perspective but no major movie studio would fund such an endeavour.

"So I found a balance, showing how whites are not only the cause of apartheid but also its victims."

He didn't want to make a movie just like the book, which is all about Ben; everything is seen through his eyes. I wanted to expand the role of blacks and give them an equal voice," Palcy said.

Hollywood has been criticised for neglecting black actors — except for a few stars such as Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor and Sidney Poitier.

Films about black-white relations have centred on whites, even when the story is about the brutal death of a black South African in 'Cry Freedom' or the murder of civil-rights activist in the southern United States as in "Mississippi Burning."

White actors Sean Penn and Robert Duvall were the stars of the movie "Colour" a film about black street-gangs in Los Angeles, and Barbara Hershey was the key character in "A World Apart," which dramatised South Africa's battles from a white journalist's point of view.

In "A Dry White Season," on the other hand, skin-dwellers in the black township of Soweto run the show, giving instructions to Ben and using him as a conduit to the white-led government, an unofficial spokesman for the voiceless black majority.

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"Noboy's bigger than the movie itself," said Mokae, a well-regarded black South African actor who lives in exile in the United States. "You don't keep wondering if Brando is going to come back on. You just let everyone do their bit and take the movie one step further."

If this were a Western, Stanley would be the one riding his horse into the sunset," Mokae told Reuters in a recent interview.

Sarandon plays a crusading anti-apartheid journalist while Suzman is Ben's conventional wife, who leaves her husband rather than take part in his pursuit of justice.

The music is performed by the South African singing group Ladymouth Black Massimo, which was featured on Paul Simon's highly-successful "Graceland" album, and by members of the all-black cast of the Broadway musical "Sarafina."

"The movie is about 50 black whites," said Mokae. "But blacks make all the important decisions."

Only Sutherland said politics and race had nothing to do with his decision to act in "A Dry White Season." He said that's what he wanted to do politically and upholding justice and that he had accepted the role to get a chance to work with Brando and Weinstein, a friend.

The film is exactly what I dreamed it could be," Sutherland told Reuters. "It puts people in touch with the moral service and that's what we all want."

"People feel strongly — joyfully, hopefully, sadly and angrily. It's perfect entertainment," the Canadian-born actress said.

Palcy said it had been difficult to make an entertaining film without "lying about the real situation in South Africa."

She said the violent ending, which is in no way entertaining, was "a warning to the (South African) government and the world that blacks are determined not to accept what's going on."

"If the Afrikans do not change, if they don't move over and allow black freedom, this will be what will happen," Weinstein said of the film's ending.

"It's a warning that people are fed up and if there's no change, they'll have the authorities at the end of a gun."

## Developing nations vulnerable to greenhouse effect

TOKYO. Oct 8, (Reuter): Developing nations in Asia are particularly vulnerable to the 'greenhouse effect', the global warming which could make rice harvests dwindle and submerge whole countries under rising seas.

But they are contributing more and more of the waste gases that cause it.

A new report by the US environmental protection agency said about a quarter of the world's greenhouse gas emissions now come from Asia and the percentage will rise as the region's economies boom and its population increases.

According to a growing scientific consensus, gases produced by industry, vehicles and forest clearance trap heat from the sun much like the glass walls of a

greenhouse.

If emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxides and industrial gases known as chlorofluorocarbons continue at the present rate, world temperatures could rise an average of 1.5 to 4.5 degrees in the next 40 years.

Seas could rise 0.5 to 2.0 metre (1.5 to six feet), flooding low-lying areas, since the volume of seawater expands with temperature. Rainfall would increase. Agriculture would be disrupted.

The US report, prepared for an environment conference in Tokyo, said China, Japan and India were Asia's largest emitters of carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels such as coal and petrol.

Indonesia, Thailand, Laos, and China had the

highest rates of emissions from burning forests.

India, China and Indonesia were the main sources of methane and other greenhouse gases from farming.

Japan and China produced the highest amounts of industrial greenhouse gases.

The report urged developing Asian nations to improve energy and transport efficiency and plant forests rather than cut them down. It called for efforts to develop strains of rice and other crops which could tolerate higher temperatures.

"The involvement of Asian countries is critical to the success of international efforts to slow the rate of warming and promote adaptation to climate change," it said.

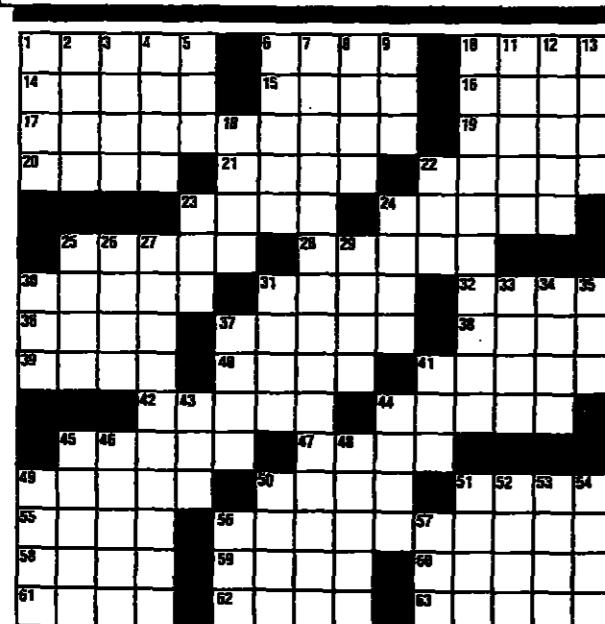
Asia, home to three billion of the world's five billion people, is especially at risk from global warming because many people depend on vulnerable agriculture for a living.

Low-lying countries could be ravaged if sea levels rise by two metres (six feet). Island states such as the Marshall Islands in the northern Pacific and much of the Maldives in the Indian ocean would be submerged.

The report said 10 to 20 percent of Bangladesh could be threatened by a one to two metre (three to six foot) rise in sea level.

A recent United Nations environment programme study identified Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand and the west coast of India as also highly vulnerable.

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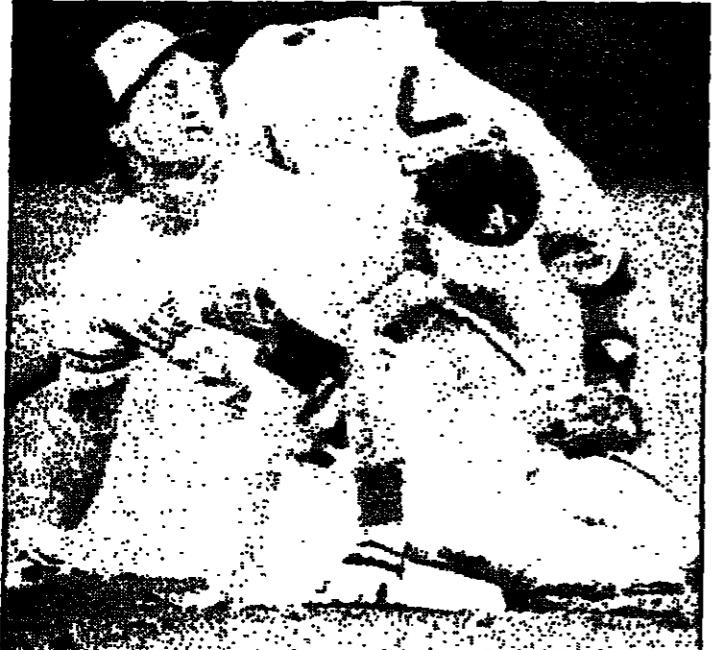
LIBERTY HOUSE

Giants overcome Cubs

# Athletics take 3-1 lead



Henderson (right) knocks forearms with Canseco after hitting his 2nd home run. (Reuter wirephoto)



Oakland's shortstop Walt Weiss falls over Blue Jays Kelly Gruber. (Reuter wirephoto)

TORONTO, Oct. 8. (Reuters): The Oakland Athletics moved to within one victory of their second successive World Series appearance with a 6-5 win over the Toronto Blue Jays yesterday.

Rickey Henderson led the Athletics with a pair of two-run home runs and relief ace Dennis Eckersley halted a late Toronto comeback to give Oakland a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven game American League championship series.

The Athletics, World Series losers to the Los Angeles Dodgers last year, will claim the American League pennant with a win in Toronto this evening. A Blue Jays victory would take the series back to Oakland for the final games.

"We're not dead yet," said Toronto manager Cito Gaston.

Oakland starting pitcher Bob Welch was in constant trouble but yielded just one run to earn the victory as Toronto left 12 men stranded on base, including potential tying runs during their final two at bats.

Eckersley pitched the final 1-1/3 innings for his second save of the series, while Toronto starter Mike Flanagan was roughed up for five runs in 4-1/3 innings and took the loss.

Henderson, whose devastating speed dominated Oakland's two previous victories, used power to hurt Toronto yesterday.

"I think when pitchers try to keep me off the bases they give me better pitches to hit and I've got the power to hit the ball out of the park," said Henderson who stole seven bases in the first three games.

Henderson homered with Walt Weiss on base in the third inning to give Oakland a 2-0 lead. One out later, Jose Canseco blasted a mammoth solo home run into the upper deck of the Skydome — a shot estimated at 480 feet (146 metres) and easily the longest in the stadium's four-month history.

The Blue Jays loaded the bases

with no outs in the fourth but managed to score just one run.

Henderson's second home run — in the fifth inning — gave Oakland a 5-1 lead and the Athletics added what proved to be the winning run in the seventh when Conseco singled home Dave Henderson who had doubled with two outs.

Toronto began a comeback with one run in the sixth when Kelly Gruber, who had four hits, scored on a Junior Felix double. They continued to chip away with a run in the seventh and a pair of eighth inning runs to reach 6-5.

But with two outs in the ninth inning and Gruber on first base, Eckersley got pinch-hitter Lee Mazzilli to pop out, ending the game.

And in San Francisco, Robby Thompson belted a two-run home run in the seventh inning to lift the San Francisco Giants to a 5-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs last night.

The Giants' victory in the seesaw battle gave them a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven game National League championship series. The Cubs had a chance to level the series in game this evening.

With Chicago leading 4-3 and Brett Butler on base for the Giants, Thompson sent a pitch by Cubs reliever Wes Lancaster 335 feet (102 metres) over the left field fence to put San Francisco ahead to stay. Lancaster took the loss for Chicago, while Don Robinson was the winning pitcher.

Ryne Sandberg's sacrifice fly in the top of the seventh had briefly put the Cubs back in front when pinch runner Greg Maddux scored. Maddux scored. Maddux was in for Chicago starting pitcher Rick Sutcliffe, who injured his leg on the previous play.

The Cubs took an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Andre Dawson singled home two runs with two outs against San Francisco starter Mike LaCoss.



Giant's Robby Thompson (left) is congratulated on his two-run homer. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Fignon may take action on drug test

TOURS, France, Oct. 8. (Reuters): Laurent Fignon said yesterday he may take legal action over dope-testing procedures after he was found to have taken amphetamines before a cycle race in the Netherland last month.

"I wanted to have a second test taken in a different laboratory but I was refused," said the Frenchman, who heads the world rankings. "The matter is now in the hands of lawyers and legal action may be considered."

Giro D'Italia winner Fignon rode in the Paris-Tours Classic yesterday less than 24 hours after news broke of his three-month suspended ban for failing a test at the Grand Prix de la Libération, a team time trial in Eindhoven on September 17.

The Frenchman, who lost the Tour de France this year by just eight seconds to American Greg Lemond, declined to exercise his right to have a second sample of urine tested at the same Dutch laboratory which found traces of amphetamines in a first test.

He said he had no confidence in the laboratory.

Tour de France race doctor Gerard Porte said that cycling rules clearly stipulated the second test had to be carried out in the same laboratory though the rider or his team could call their own medical experts to attend.

"My own feeling is one of total incomprehension," he said. "I cannot understand why Fignon would take amphetamines in a team time trial towards the end of the season."

He said Fignon had no problem with tests during the Tour de France and on other occasions this season.

It was the second time in Fignon's career that he has failed a dope test. The first was in May 1987 after the Tour de Wallonia.

Because that offence occurred more than two years ago, the new failure counted as a first infringement.

The sport of cycling is notably much laxer about punishing dope offenders than most other sports.

A first offence leads to a three-month suspended ban, a second to a straight six-month ban and a third to a one-year suspension.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Alabama rout Mississippi

No. 9 Southern Cal 24, Washington 16  
Todd Marinovich threw for one touchdown and ran for another to rally Southern Cal 41-41.

No. 11 Auburn 24, Kentucky 12  
Reggie Slack passed for two first-quarter touchdowns, giving Auburn (3-1) a lead it never relinquished in the Southeastern Conference.

No. 12 Houston 66, Baylor 10  
Andre Ware threw for six touchdowns, four to Manny Hazard, and set the Southwest Conference record for career scoring passes.

No. 14 N. Carolina State 35, Middle Tenn. 14  
Greg Manier rushed for two touchdowns, and Shane Montgomery passed for 177 yards and another score as North Carolina State shook off a cold start.

No. 15 Clemson 34, Virginia 20  
Chris Morocco threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third as Clemson extended the longest active winning streak by one division I-A team over another to 29 games.

No. 16 Oklahoma 37, Oklahoma St 15  
Mike Gaddis ran for 274 yards and three touchdowns, leading Oklahoma (4-1) over Oklahoma State in a meeting of big eight teams on NCAA probation.

No. 18 Illinois 34, Ohio State 14  
Howard Griffith ran for two touchdowns, and wide receiver Steve Williams fired a surprise scoring pass to Mike Bellamy as Illinois beat Ohio State.

## Hammond takes lead

### Azinger in 2nd place

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 8. (Reuters): Donnie Hammond shot a five-under-par 65 yesterday to take a two stroke lead after the third round of the \$600,000 Texas Open golf tournament.

Hammond carded six birdies and one bogey to stand at 16-under-par 194 after a two hour 47 minute rain delay that forced him to finish the round just before darkness fell over the Oak Hills Country Club course.

Paul Azinger, the second round leader, shot an even-par 70 and was tied for second place at 14-under 196 with Bob Lohr and Duffy Waldorf, who each recorded under-par 66 yesterday.

Don Pooley was another shot back at 197 after a 67.

Starting the day three shots back of Azinger, Hammond began with a birdie on the first hole and added three more on the sixth, eighth and ninth holes.

"While Hammond was making his move, Azinger was self-destructing with bogeys on the fifth, eighth and ninth holes for a seven-shot swing on the first nine holes.

"When Donnie went to 15-under after nine holes I thought I'd better go crazy if I want to catch up," Azinger said.

Azinger then eagled the 10th and sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the 11th hole.

"I thought I might go on a tear after the 11th hole, but it just didn't happen," Azinger said.

Hammond played the back nine at one-under with birdies on the 14th and 17th holes and a bogey on 15.

"The difference between being close and being in the lead is getting a few breaks and my putting," said Hammond.



Azinger: lying 2nd

## Karpov maintains lead

LONDON, Oct. 8. (AP): Anatoly Karpov agreed to a 43-move draw with fellow Soviet Arthur Yusupov in the fourth round of the world chess championship candidates' semifinal yesterday and moved into a 2.5-1.5 lead.

In the other semifinal, Jon Speelman of England and Jan Timman of the Netherlands adjourned after a grueling six-hour round.

Speelman, playing white, sealed his 64th move in a well-known endgame position with few pieces, which experts said is likely to end in a draw.

He feels he declared his income and paid his taxes, she said. "We don't expect it."

His business opportunities have been limited since the banishment, according to Pinzka. His appearances on cable television are a primary source of income now.

Rose, a master at entertaining the media, is learning a few things about presenting himself, Pinzka said.

"We're not going to remake Pete Rose. You're not going to see a new Pete Rose next year," she said. "We hope you'll see a Pete Rose confident in what he chooses to do until he gets back in baseball."



Anatoly Karpov

A win scores a point and a draw a half.

Playing with the advantage of white, Karpov's cautious play enabled Yusupov to equalise shortly after the opening and even gain a small edge in the resulting endgame.

With only three minutes thinking time left for 12 moves, Karpov defended easily and when he launched a brief counterattack, Yusupov forced a draw on the 43rd move.

Although Karpov retains his lead in the contest, many experts have been surprised by lackluster performance in the first half of the contest.

## Pakistan to stage World Cup

BRUSSELS, Oct. 8. (Reuters): Pakistan will hold the men's hockey World Cup next February, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) said yesterday.

The FIH chose the Pakistan city of Lahore four years ago as the host for the 1990 World Cup but only recently gave the final go-ahead after work was completed on a second artificial pitch, FIH president Etienne Glichitch said.

Glichitch was speaking after a three-day meeting of the Brussels-based FIH which decided the draw for the two pools of the four-yearly World Cup to be held from February 12 to 23.

The field consists of the top six in the 1986 World Cup — winners Australia, England, West

Germany, Soviet Union, Spain and Argentina — plus Pakistan as hosts and five qualifiers from the Intercontinental Cup — the Netherlands, India, Canada, France and Ireland.

The qualifiers for the women's World Cup, to be held from May 2 to 13 in Sydney, Australia, include the top eight finishers of the 1986 World Cup — the Netherlands, West Germany, Canada, New Zealand, England, Australia, Argentina and the Soviet Union.

The four remaining places will be filled by the four best-placed countries at the Intercontinental Cup in New Delhi in November.

Glichitch said the FIH would vote on the venue of the 1994 World Cup on March 31, 1990.

He said the inaugural Five-

Continent Cup would be staged next year in Malaysia from October 26 to 31.

Glichitch said Spain would take over from Pakistan as organisers of the 1991 men's Champions' Trophy.

The FIH expressed concern that Cuba, organisers of the 11th Pan-American Games from August 3 to 18, 1981, had not yet started constructing an artificial hockey pitch.

Men's World Cup pools:

Pool A: Argentina, Australia, France, India, Netherlands, Soviet Union.

Pool B: West Germany, England, Canada, Spain, Ireland, Pakistan.

Malaysia and Poland were named reserves.

**Molina triumphs**

SACRAMENTO, California, Oct. 8. (AP): Juan Molina of Puerto Rico won the International Boxing Federation junior-lightweight championship yesterday when the referee declared Tony Lopez of Sacramento defenceless in the 10th round, sparking shouts and a shower of beer cups from the angry crowd.

Lopez was attempting his fourth title defence nearly a year after winning a controversial decision over Molina.

A first offence leads to a three-month suspended ban, a second to a straight six-month ban and a third to a one-year suspension.

## Baek retains WBA title

SEOUL, Oct. 8. (Reuters): Champion Baek In-chul of South Korea retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) super-middleweight title by stopping Ron Esset of the United States in the 11th round of their scheduled 12-round fight today.

Panamanian referee Julio Cesar Alvarado stopped the fight 26 seconds into the round after Baek sent Esset to the canvas with a shuddering right hook to the jaw followed by a flurry of left-right combinations.

For Baek, 29, it was a repeat of his 11th-round victory to take the title last May from Venezuelan Fulgencio Obelmejas.

The champion took clear command of the fight in the 10th round when three straight rights to the face sent Esset sprawling in a neutral corner, but he was saved by the bell.

Baek chased Esset around the ring most of the fight with the third-ranked challenger failing to capitalise on his faster speed and longer reach. Esset, three years younger than the Korean, relied mostly on counter-punches.

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Pete Rose. You're not going to see a new Pete Rose next year," she said. "We hope you'll see a Pete Rose confident in what he chooses to do until he gets back in baseball."

The race counts for the first

World Cup. Ireland's Sean Kelly clinched the overall crown with one race left as he finished seventh yesterday. That gave him 44 points for the season, 17 ahead of Sorenson.

The Tour of Lombardia on Oct. 14 finishes the season's World Cup in cycling, with the winner of that race receiving 16 points.

Friends of the former Cincinnati Reds' manager initially worried about Rose's outlook without baseball in his life. They say he seems to be doing fine.

"He's accepted it. He's convin-

ced he's going to be back in baseball. That makes it easier to accept, I guess," she said.

Rose meets several times a week with Pinzka, lawyer Reuben Katz and business manager Bill Hayes to discuss his business opportunities, his public appearances and other

mem

# Whites beat Blues in Nomads trials

IN the second of Kuwait Nomads pre-season trials the Blues were beaten 25 points to 11 on Friday. Injury and unavailability lead to certain players being assessed in different positions, but it is unlikely Geoff Bennett will wish to be considered as loose head prop — he is normally a winger.

The Blues began with a flurry and forward pressure lead to Sanderson giving away a penalty which was converted by skipper Gataud. The game stayed fairly even until good maul ball and poor defensive cover lead to a try for wing Wild. The White back line saw plenty of

ball and attempted much. But were guilty at times of failing with the final pass. Eventually Pouquet did score in the corner.

Adams was given, and needed, two attempts to convert, but this success led to a series of excellent place kicks which will be of great value when hopefully repeated later in the season. The Whites further extended their lead with a try by Sherwood, but only he and his conscience will know what this second row was doing at outside centre.

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Hopes of a Blue revival were however dashed when Wharton drove over for the final White try. Ellis capped a fine game with a late consola-

tion try for Blues.

Yet again a number of players shined throughout the play. Ferrari had a storming game ably supported by the evergreen Sole. G. Hill looked good in the line out whilst Burgess appeared to enjoy his spell in the forwards. Perhaps the new player making the most impression is Noel Kelly who has shown some excellent touches at half back and his preferred position of full back.

The last trial of Probables versus Possibles will take place on Thursday and it is hoped a full turn out will be possible.

## Hawks beat Casuals in opener

HAWKS cricket team got a flying start to the Jashanmal league season when they defeated Casuals at Ahmadi on Friday. The game, a repeat of last season's opening fixture, gave Hawks the chance to avenge the defeat when the clubs met previously. Winning the toss skipper Anjind elected to bat but soon found himself back in the pavilion during a spell a very hostile bowling from Adi Selveratnam.

His replacement, Oaisar, entered the fray in a mood to make runs and threw his bat at everything with a abandon. After a series of near misses and edged fours he settled down to produce more orthodox cricket and make a telling 70 runs. He was ably assisted by his team-mates who contributed a sequence of double figure scores before they fell to Selveratnam (3 wks). Andrew Pinho (2 wks) John Arton-Powell, or Richard Snowden. Casuals fielding began to wilt in the hot sun and mistakes crept in which helped Hawks amass a daunting 192 after 30 overs.

In reply, Hawks batted tightly and had an early breakthrough when Kevin Wells chipped a ball from Asghar to Amood for 5. Casuals needed some aggressive batting but the accuracy of Vimod, and a well set back field prevented the scoring of boundaries until late in the innings. Vimod bowled especially well and extracted a lot of late movement. Vai Tufail had reached 20 before going lbw and Ron Seward 30 before a misunderstanding with Pinho resulted in his runout for a key breakthrough. Pinho (19) himself shone briefly as did Richard Snowden (15) but the game was slipping away as Arton-Powell (14) tried to read the cause. To add a final insult, Asghar, finished the innnings by taking the last 3 wickets in just 4 deliveries. Skipper Simon Clements had to retire with heat exhaustion but could not have been pleased to see his new team drift by 40 runs at the close.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### E. Germany win

EAST BERLIN, Oct 8. (Reuter): East Germany beat the Soviet Union 2-1 (half-time 0-0) in a World Cup European Group Three soccer qualifier today.

### Swedes triumph

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 8. (Reuters): Sweden beat Albania 3-1 (halftime 1-1) in a World Cup European Group Two soccer qualifier today.

### Boxing summit

PESARO, Italy, Oct. 8. (UPI): Former World Boxing Association middleweight champion Patrizio "Sumbu" Kalambay took a step towards the summit of boxing with a victory over American Tony Powell last night.

### Cup qualifier

YAOUNDE, Oct. 8. (Reuters): Cameroon beat Tunisia 2-0 (halftime 0-0) in a World Cup Africa Group three round first leg soccer tie today.

### Edberg upset

BASILE, Switzerland, Oct. 8. (Reuters): Result of the singles final in the men's \$416,000 Basile Indoors Grand Prix tennis tournament today (final number denotes seedling): Jim Courier (US) beat 1-Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 7-6 (8-6) 3-6 2-6 6-0 7-5.

### Worker killed

MILAN, Italy, Oct. 8. (Reuters): A bus driver was found today crushed to death by his truck's hydraulic lift at Milan soccer stadium, bringing to seven the number of workers killed during construction in Italy for next year's World Cup.

### One-day match

HARARE, Oct. 8. (Reuters): Young West Indies beat Zimbabwe by 27 runs in their one-day cricket match on Sunday. Scores: Young West Indies 194 for four (Dawney Joseph 56 not out), Zimbabwe 167 all out (Dave Houghton 48).

# Napoli hold Roma to draw

## Atalanta stun Juventus



Diego Maradona

ROME, Oct. 8. (Reuter): Diego Maradona rescued League leaders Napoli from defeat by netting a penalty for 1-1 draw at Bari. Defender Nicola Berti equalised for the title holders after Angelo Carbone had put Bari ahead.

The stocky Argentine, who missed his spot-kick in Napoli's UEFA Cup penalty shootout against Sporting Lisbon 10 days ago, made no mistake against Roma with a precision shot in the 52nd minute.

Napoli were 1-0 down to an 11th-minute strike by Antonio Combi after just 11 minutes.

But there was no such reprieve for injury-hit AC Milan, who collapsed to their second consecutive defeat, 1-0 at Cremonese. They are five points adrift of Napoli, who head the table with 13 points.

Sampdoria moved into second place on 12 points with a 1-0 win against Verona courtesy of a 16th-minute goal from Italian international striker Gianluca

Vialli.

They edged out Italian champions Internazionale on goal difference after Inter could do no more than draw 1-1 at home to Bari. Defender Nicola Berti equalised for the title holders after Angelo Carbone had put Bari ahead.

Juventus, with Soviet internationals Alexander Zavarov and Sergei Aleinikov absent in East Germany for a World Cup qualifier, went down 1-0 at home to Atalanta and slipped from third to fifth on 10 points.

Milan's defeat, following their 3-0 thrashing by Napoli a week ago, raised serious doubts about their ability to emulate last season's spectacular march on the European Cup and was accompanied by ugly foul-ups on the pitch and violence off it.

The referee fell to his knees in the final minute when he was hit and briefly stunned by an object thrown from stands occupied by Milan fans and Alessandro Cos-

tacuta was sent off after 43 minutes.

Results	
Ascoli	1 Bologna
Casina	0 Lazio
Cremonese	1 AC Milan
Inter	1 Bari
Juventus	0 Atalanta
Lecce	1 Fiorentina
Roma	1 Napoli
Sampdoria	1 Verona
Udinese	2 Genoa

Standings						
	Team	W	D	L	GF	GA
1	Napoli	8	5	3	0	12
2	Sampdoria	8	5	2	1	11
3	Inter	8	4	3	1	11
4	Roma	8	2	6	0	10
5	Lecce	8	4	1	3	7
6	AC Milan	8	2	3	2	9
7	Lazio	8	2	4	2	6
8	Genoa	8	3	2	3	9
9	Atalanta	8	4	0	4	8
10	Bari	8	1	4	3	7
11	Ascoli	8	1	3	4	10
12	Fiorentina	8	1	3	4	7
13	Cremonese	8	1	3	4	10
14	Udinese	8	1	3	4	15
15	Cesena	8	1	3	4	15
16	Verona	8	0	3	5	12

## Sparta get home stadium ban

BERNE, Oct. 8. (Reuter): Czechoslovak soccer club Sparta Prague have been barred from playing their next European Cup match at home because of the rowdy behaviour of their fans during their last match against Fenebahce Istanbul.

The European Football Union (UEFA) announced the ban today after a two-day meeting of its control and disciplinary committee that aggressive behaviour by Sparta supporters at the September 13 home match had forced frightened Turkish fans of flee onto the pitch during the interval, delaying the resumption of play.

Sparta were ordered to play their European Cup second round first leg tie against Bulgaria's CFKA Sofia on October 18 at least 300 km from Prague.

The committee, at its first meeting of the season, imposed fines totalling around 220,000 Swiss francs (\$155,000) on clubs for various rule infringements.

The Yugoslav club Partizane Belgrade managed the heaviest fine of 35,000 francs (\$19,000) because spectators had thrown smoke bombs and missiles in a Cup Winners' Cup first round, first leg tie against Scotland's Glasgow Celtic on September 12.

Three clubs, Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands), Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece) and UEFA-Cup holder Napoli (Italy) were each fined 25,000 francs (\$15,000) for letting off fireworks on hurling missiles onto the field.

Other fines for rule breaches involving officials, players or supporters included: Honved Budapest (Hungary) 21,000 francs (\$12,500), Aek Athens (Greece) 15,000 francs (\$9,200), VFB Stuttgart (West Germany) 12,000

francs (\$7,300) Antwerp (Belgium) 10,000 francs (\$6,100) Vojvodina Novi Sad (Yugoslavia), Rapid Vienna (Austria) 6,000 francs (\$3,700) each, Panathinaikos Athens (Greece), Galatasaray (Turkey) 5,000 francs (\$3,050) each and Aek Athens 4,000 francs (\$2,450).

The longest player-ban was imposed on Gregori Martin from Malta's Sliema Wanderers. He was suspended until July 31, 1995, from all UEFA club competitions for assaulting the referee in a European Cup first round second leg tie against Nentor Tirana of Albania on September 27.

Kojo Koussa of Finnish side Kuusysi Lahti, sent off for spitting at the referee in a UEFA Cup tie yesterday against French side Paris St Germain, was suspended until July 31, 1994.

Other players suspended for violence on field included: Andy Haller, Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) — five matches; Stanislav Pasulko, Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) — four matches; Glenn Stromberg, Atalanta (Italy); Vladimir Ekhart, Slovan Bratislava (Czechoslovakia); Starvos Stamatis, Aek Athens (Greece); Vadim Tichenko, Dnepropetrovsk (Soviet Union); Lindsay McKeown, Linfield (Northern Ireland); Tamás Petres, Videoton (Hungary); Oleg Protopassov, Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) — three matches each; Adrian de Vicente, Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) two matches.

Honved Budapest's Tibor Csehi was banned from the trainers' bench for two games for repeatedly criticising the referee in the September 13 tie against Vojvodina Novi Sad in Budapest.

Appeals must be lodged by midnight October 9.

## Kankkunen and Auriol set the pace in prologue

SAN REMO, Italy, Oct. 8. (Reuter): Finn Juha Kankkunen and France's Didier Auriol set the pace for the San Remo Rally today in a prologue to four days of rallying that could decide the world title.

Toyota's Kankkunen, winner of the Australian Rally, and Auriol, who will be joined by the Finn at Lancia next season, shared the leading time of one minute 37 seconds on the 1.3 km dirt-track circuit just outside the resort of San Remo.

Kankkunen's Spanish teammate Carlos Sainz was one second down with Italian world champion Massimo Biasion on 1:39.

Lancia's Biasion, who won here last year, leads the title race and will keep his crown if he triumphs again at San Remo, 11th of this season's 13 rallies.

The prologue counts towards final times but Biasion was confident that the title race had not even started.

"Today's trial was very interesting as far as a spectacle is concerned but it doesn't have any great overall significance. The real race starts tomorrow," he said.

Lancia announced today that Kankkunen, who won the world title with the team in 1987, will return next season to join Biasion and Auriol, replacing fellow-Finn Markku Alen.

Tomorrow's first stage from San Remo to Arezzo, Tuscany, is over 720 kms and includes nine of the rally's 34 special stages.

## Koeman helps Barcelona defeat Real

BARCELONA, Spain, Oct. 8. (Reuter): Ronald Koeman struck two late penalties to give Barcelona a morale-boosting 3-1 win over perennial rivals Real Madrid yesterday after a poor start in the Spanish First Division.

The Dutch defender, who conceded an early penalty which gave Real a seventh-minute lead, redeemed himself by scoring twice from the spot in the 75th and 90th minutes.

Koeman threw himself at Emilio Butragueno as the World Cup striker raced for goal and Mexican marksman Hugo Sanchez made no mistake with a well-placed penalty which gave visitors Real an early lead.

But Barcelona responded within three minutes with a fine goal from striker Julio Salinas, who sped away from Argentine defender Oscar Ruggieri and drove home a shot from a fine angle.

Barcelona went ahead with quarter of an hour remaining when Koeman converted a penalty after Martin Vazquez had brought down Eusebio Sacristan.

Koeman, transferred to Barcelona after helping the Dutch win the European championship title last year, was on target from the spot again in the final minute after Ruggieri brought down Salinas.

## Mini-rugby season to start on Friday

THE 1989-90 mini-rugby season will get underway on Friday. Mini-rugby is a sport adapted from the senior game in which boys between the ages of 5 and 13 are coached in the basic ball handling and tackling skills of rugby.

Most boys, regardless of their physical size or athletic ability can find a position in a mini-rugby side to which they are suited. Heavier boys tend to enjoy the tussles of the scrums and mauls in the forwards whilst the slighter boys prefer playing in the backs. All seem to like scoring tries and tackling their opponents.

The popularity of the game in Kuwait has increased dramatically over the past few years and last season there were regularly 60 boys playing.

Each weekly session is in three parts, starting with loosening up exercises (more for the coaches than for the boys). After this the boys join

## Gilbert and Agassi blast opponents to reach final

ORLANDO, Florida, Oct. 8. (AP): Top-seeded Brad Gilbert defeated unseeded Jimmy Brown in straight sets last night to face second-seeded Andre Agassi in the final of the \$415,000 Prudential-Bache Securities Tennis Classic.

Gilbert, 28, of the US waited out a two-hour rain delay, then took only 1 hour and 10 minutes to beat Brown, of Largo, 6-3, 6-1.

Gilbert broke brown in the fourth game of

the match with a running backhand passing shot, and then quickly moved to a 5-1 advantage. Brown perked up briefly, saving four set points and holding his own serve to 3-5.

But Gilbert quickly bounced back to clinch the match by winning seven of the next eight games.

Earlier, Agassi beat fifth-seeded Jaime Yzaga of Peru 6-1, 6-1 in less than an hour to move into the final.

Agassi, 19, of the US won 20 of the first 26 points to grab a 5-0 lead and capture the first set in only 24 minutes.

After a brief rain delay, the fireworks began during the opening game of the second set, when chair umpire David Littlefield gave Agassi a warning for an audible obscenity. Moments later, after dropping his service, Yzaga received a warning for slamming his racket on to the court.

While serving at 3-0, love-30, Agassi became incensed when Littlefield belatedly overruled a linesperson's call, depriving him of a service ace. Agassi disputed the call and was assessed a penalty point for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"If there's one thing an umpire shouldn't make a mistake on is the rules," Agassi said later. "and that's exactly what he did."

When the match ended, Agassi climbed up

on the umpire's chair and hugged Littlefield to the delight of the near-sellout crowd.

Afterward, Eduardo Menga, the Men's Tennis Council supervisor of officials, announced that Agassi had been fined \$300 for the audible obscenity, adding that Agassi had been privately warned following his Friday night quarterfinal victory over David Wheaton.

## Day rides Easy Goer to victory

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (Reuter): Easy Goer toyed with six rivals in the \$1,099,000 Jockey Club Gold Cup yesterday at Belmont Park, setting the stage for a showdown with Triple Crown rival Sunday Silence on Nov. 4, in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

Cryptoclearance mounted a challenge on the final turn, but Easy Goer put him away with about 3 1/2 of a mile (300 metres) to go and won by four lengths in a time of 2:29 1/5 for the 1 1/2-mile (2.4-kilometre) course.

It was the fifth straight win for Easy Goer and the \$65,000 first-place prize boosted his career earnings to more than \$3.8 million.

Cryptoclearance finished 19 1/2 lengths in front of third-place finisher Forever Silver, who was three-quarters of a length in front of prizewinner, who had upset Sunday Silence in the swaps at Hollywood Park in July.

Pat Day had Easy Goer fourth entering the backstretch with a mile (1.6 kilometres) to go. At that point, Impersonator, ridden by Richard Migliore, had a daylight lead, and he led until almost the half-mile pole when Day moved Easy Goer past him.

As the horses entered the turn, Jose Santos made his move with Cryptoclearance. The 5-year-old moved into second behind Easy Goer with about a quarter-mile left.

## US storm into Cup final

### Spain eliminate Australia



Navratilova: overcomes scare

TOKYO, Oct. 8. (Reuter): Martina Navratilova survived a fierce challenge from Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova to lead top-seeded United States to a 2-0 victory today and power them into the finals of the Federation Cup women's team tennis championship.

The veteran US team, going for a record 13th Cup win, will do battle in the final with the young but gifted Spanish second seeds who eliminated Australia to earn their country a first shot at the most coveted team trophy in women's tennis.

Both doubles matches were cancelled due to rain but by that time both Spain and the United States had taken unbeatable 2-0 leads.

#### Blood

Chris Evert, highly-charged during her last appearance wearing the "Stars and Stripes" skirt of the United States, drew first blood against defending champions and third seeds Czechoslovakia with a workmanlike destruction of off-form Jana Novotna 6-2, 6-3.

But Navratilova, ranked number two in the world, lost the first set and had to survive a break point in the third to prevail over eighth-ranked Sukova 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 in one hour and 31 minutes.

The win avenged two consecutive defeats by Sukova and

held added poignance because until she became a US citizen in 1981, Navratilova had played Federation Cup tournaments for her native Czechoslovakia.

Sukova hit five aces and five double faults, three more of each than Navratilova.

Both played exciting serve-and-volley tennis but while Sukova relied almost entirely on power, Navratilova peppered her game with some gentle drop shots.

Her fabled athleticism also worked in her favour.

"I just beat her to the net a few times," said Navratilova. "Helena served very well. It was either her serve or the next groundstroke that gave me trouble."

Sukova squandered a chance by ploughing a weak forehand into the net to forfeit a break point in the seventh game of the deciding set. Navratilova then let fly a scream of determination and went on to save the game.

With Sukova serving at 4-5 down, the American charged to the net three times and pulled off graceful volleys to give herself two match points.

Sukova saved one but then crumpled, skewing a backhand into the net to lose the match.

"I chipped and charged three times in succession and it worked," said Navratilova.

She played a brand of accurate and composed baseline tennis,

pulled during the third set hampered her agility.

Navratilova's first set loss was the only one the highly-fancied US team has suffered in their march to the final. But they were taking nothing for granted about their clash with Spain.

"It will be tough," said Evert, competing in her ninth and final Federation Cup before she retires.

"The two singles could go either way, but I feel most confident of the doubles."

Spain's 17-year-old prodigies, French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez have lost all their previous encounters with Navratilova and Evert.

#### Unseeded

But today the Spaniards showed why they have been seeded second. Sanchez Vicario was in devastating form in the first set of her 6-1, 6-2 win over unseeded Australia's Anne Minett.

"I played very well in the first set but lost a little concentration in the second," said Spain's number one. "But always in control of the game."

Martinez, ranked 10th in the world, did not drop her serve once in her 6-3, 6-2 win over Australia's Elizabeth Smylie.

She played a brand of accurate and composed baseline tennis,



## Edberg outplays angry Connors

BASELINE: Oct. 8. (Reuter): Jimmy Connors bowed out of the Davis Tennis Grand Prix yesterday, beaten by Stefan Edberg and smirking with rage.

The fiery American crashed 6-1, 7-5 in the semifinals after a spate of heated arguments with the umpire over line calls in the second set.

One cost the fifth seed a penalty point and play was interrupted for several minutes when the crowd booted the match official.

Veteran Connors' shock straight sets winner over world number three Edberg in the US Open, had broken service and held his own to move 3-1 ahead.

But when the disputes had stopped top seed Edberg was all-square 4-4 and in control of the match.

The Swede, bidding for his fourth Basile title in five appearances, said "The crowd disturbance did not upset my concentration. I do not allow myself to be disturbed by such incidents."

"Jimmy played better in the US Open which was one of my worst results ever. He did not play as well today."

Unseeded American teenager Jim Courier overcame eighth seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador 7-6, 6-4 in the other semifinal — his best performance in a Grand Prix.

Gomez struggled with his usually reliable service in the first set and his concentration crumbled in the tiebreak. The American sailed through it 7-2, aided by three double faults by his opponents.

Rattled by a linelcall against him, Gomez dropped his serve in the third game of the second set but broke back at once to level 2-2. He lost his service again in the seventh with a string of unforced errors.

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